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# SONIC

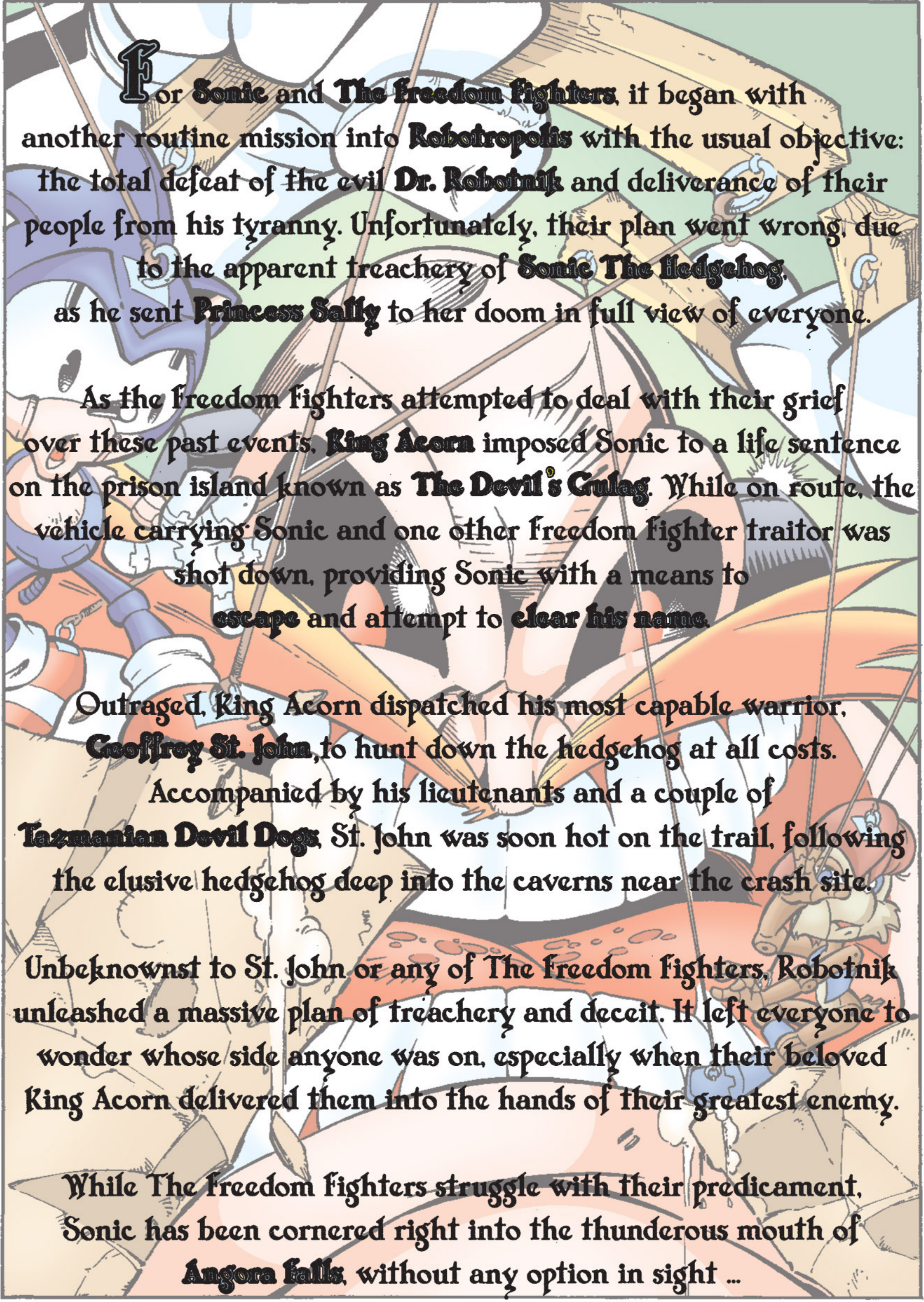
## THE EDGEHOG™

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**ENDGAME**  
PART 3 OF 4





**F**or **Sonic** and **The Freedom Fighters**, it began with another routine mission into **Robotropolis** with the usual objective: the total defeat of the evil **Dr. Robotnik** and deliverance of their people from his tyranny. Unfortunately, their plan went wrong, due to the apparent treachery of **Sonic The Hedgehog**, as he sent **Princess Sally** to her doom in full view of everyone.

As the Freedom Fighters attempted to deal with their grief over these past events, **King Acorn** imposed Sonic to a life sentence on the prison island known as **The Devil's Gulag**. While on route, the vehicle carrying Sonic and one other Freedom fighter traitor was shot down, providing Sonic with a means to **escape** and attempt to **clear his name**.

Outraged, King Acorn dispatched his most capable warrior, **Geoffrey St. John**, to hunt down the hedgehog at all costs.

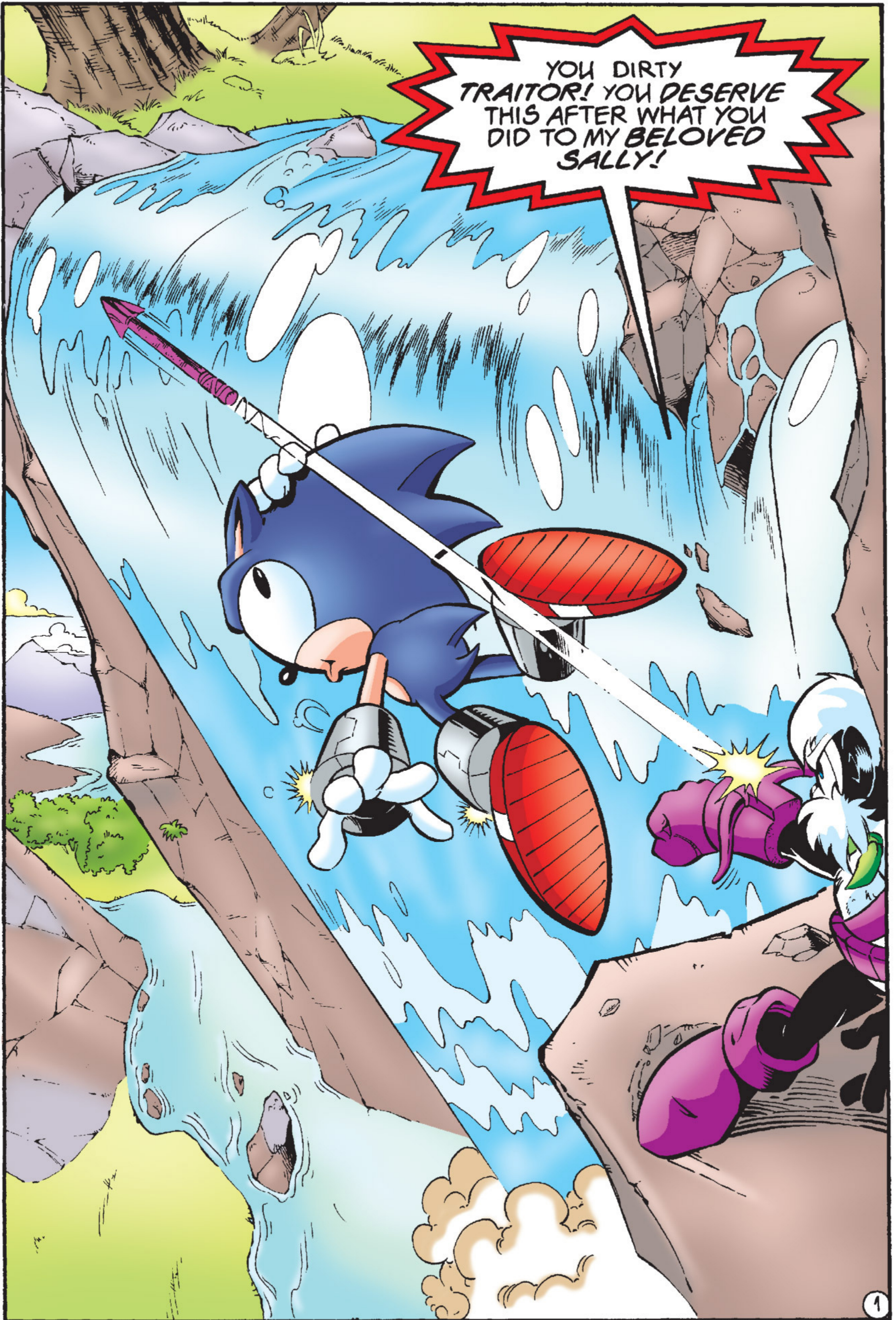
Accompanied by his lieutenants and a couple of **Tazmanian Devil Dogs**, St. John was soon hot on the trail, following the elusive hedgehog deep into the caverns near the crash site.

Unbeknownst to St. John or any of The Freedom Fighters, Robotnik unleashed a massive plan of treachery and deceit. It left everyone to wonder whose side anyone was on, especially when their beloved King Acorn delivered them into the hands of their greatest enemy.

While The Freedom fighters struggle with their predicament, Sonic has been cornered right into the thunderous mouth of **Angora falls**, without any option in sight ...



YOU DIRTY  
TRAITOR! YOU DESERVE  
THIS AFTER WHAT YOU  
DID TO MY BELOVED  
SALLY!





THERE'S *NO WAY*  
I'LL SURVIVE THIS FALL  
UNLESS I START HOVERING...  
GOTTA TRY MY PATENTED  
**FIGURE EIGHT!**\*

\*FIRST SEEN IN THE  
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OUCH!  
MY LEGS ARE  
**CRAMPING**  
UP!

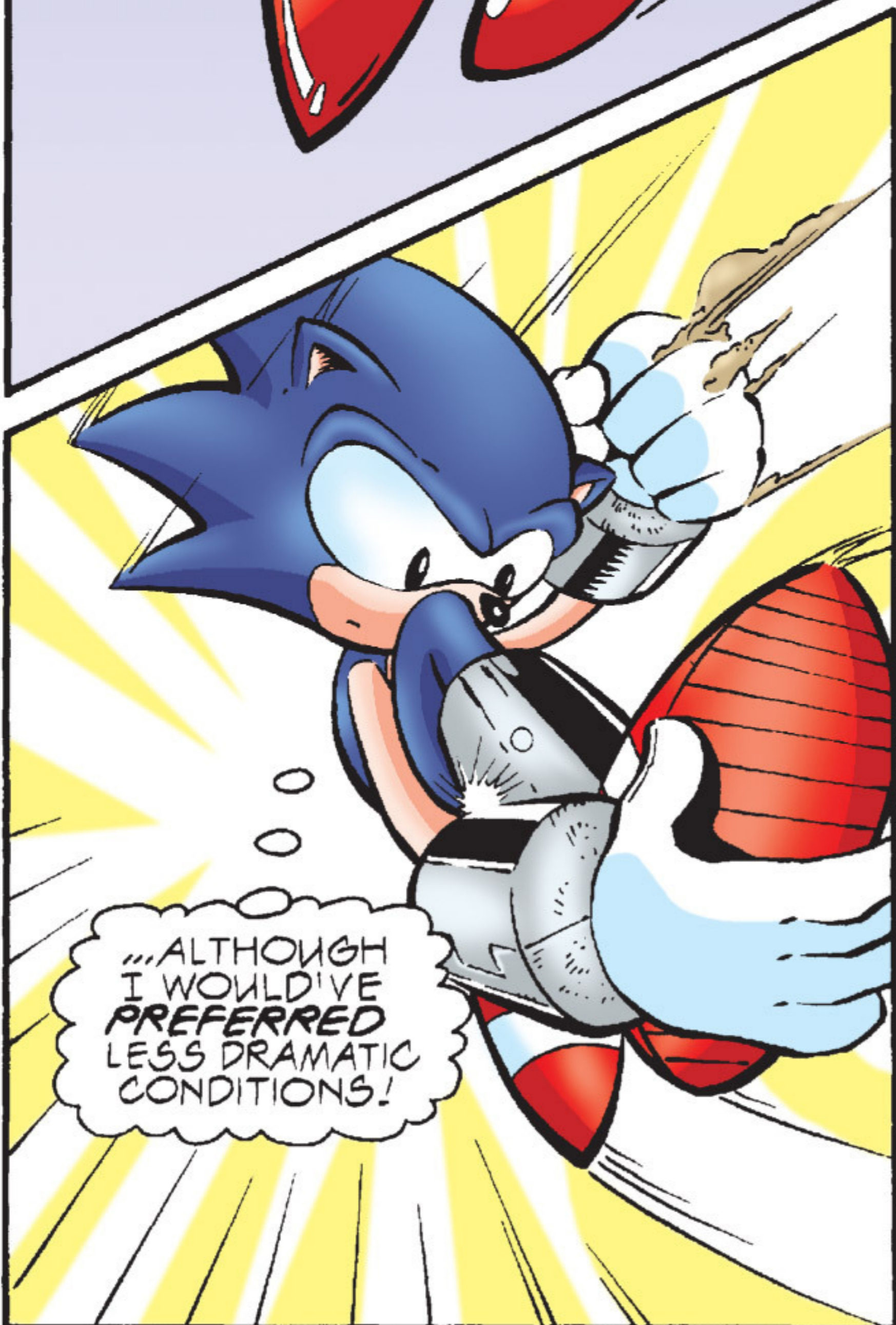
I'M MENTALLY  
AND PHYSICALLY  
EXHAUSTED BY  
ALL THAT'S  
HAPPENED!

SALLY'S DEATH,  
THE KING'S SENTENCE,  
THE CRASH, RUNNING  
AND HIDING IN THE  
CAVERNS... I'M GONNA  
**GO SPLAT!**

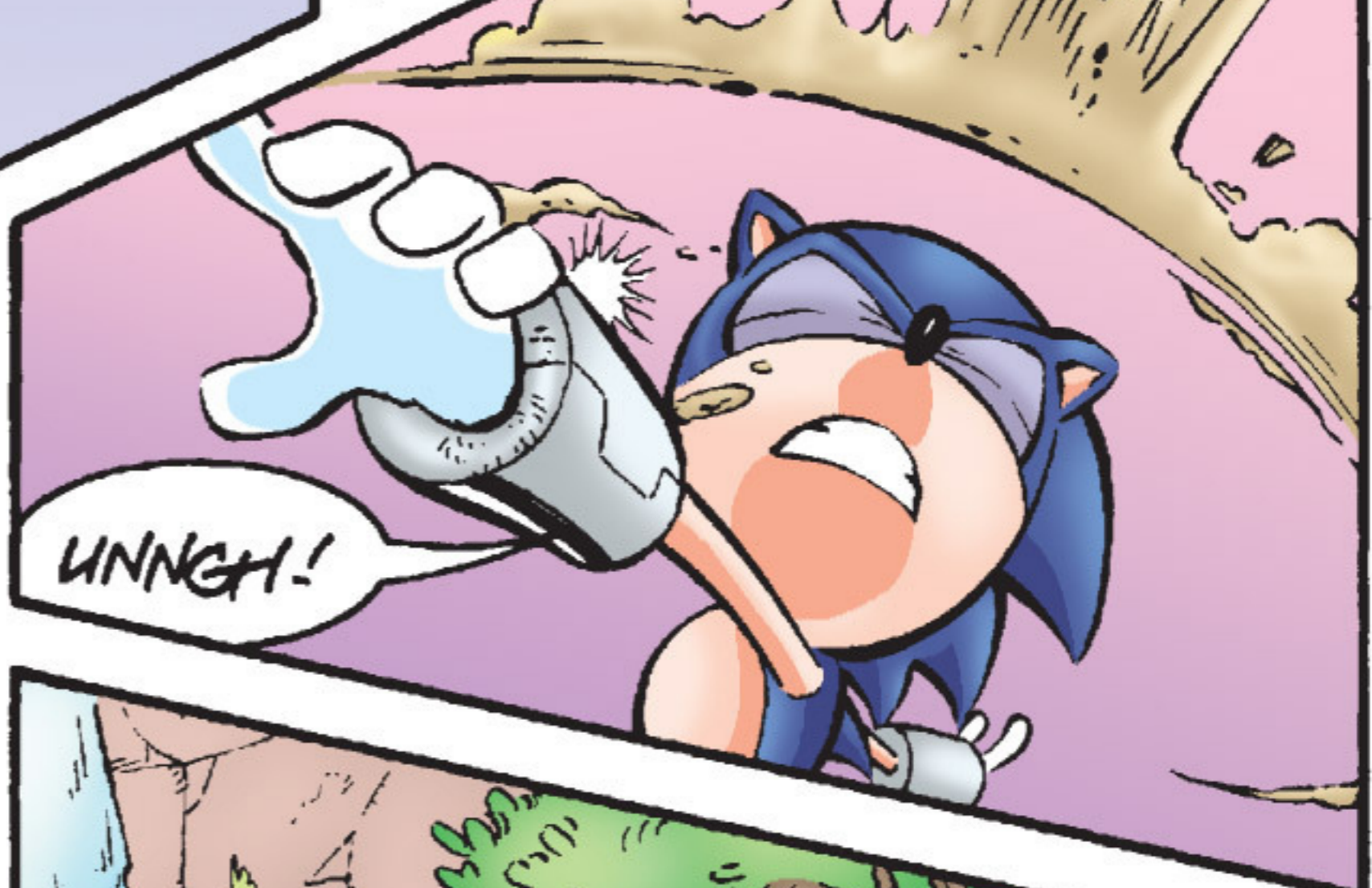
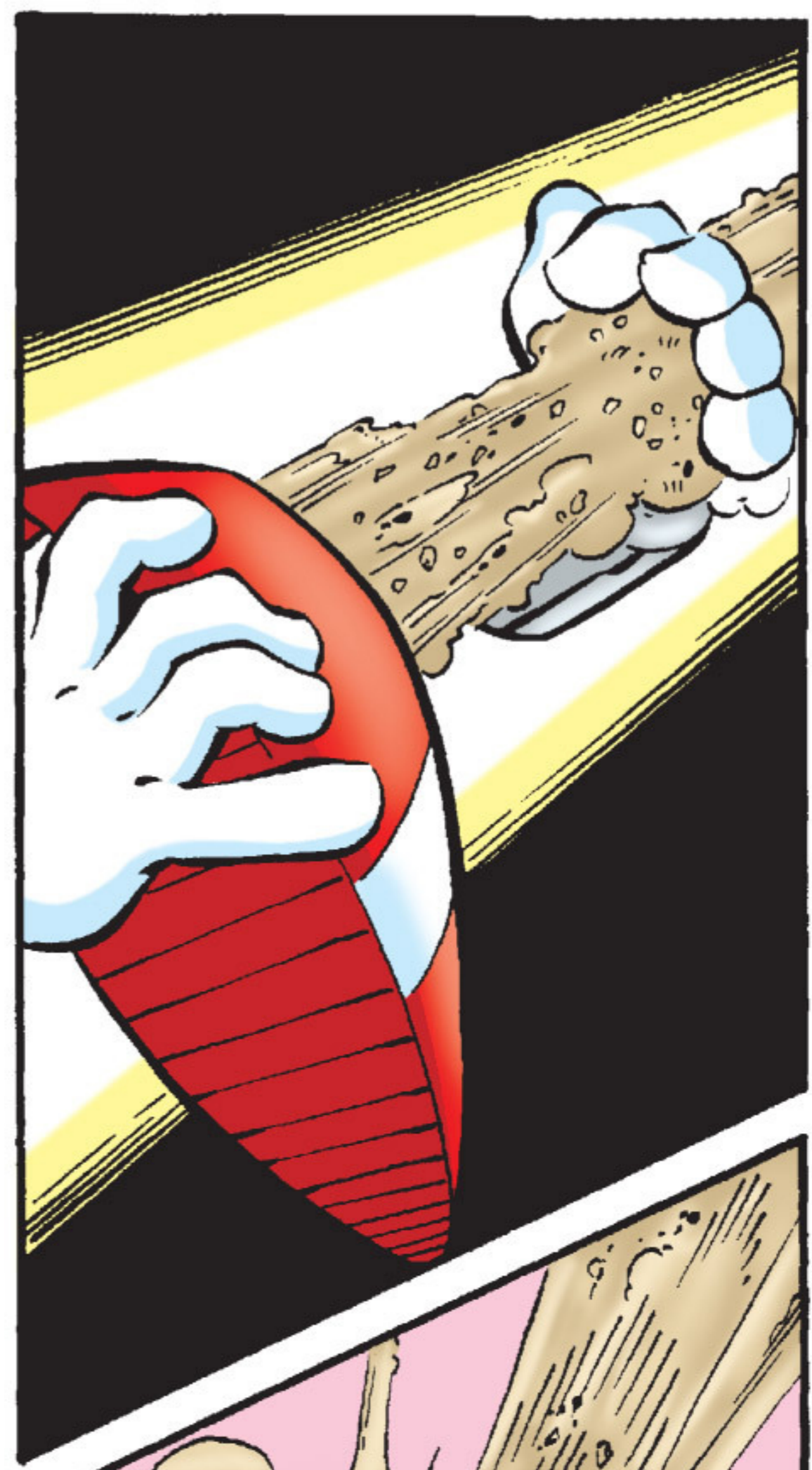




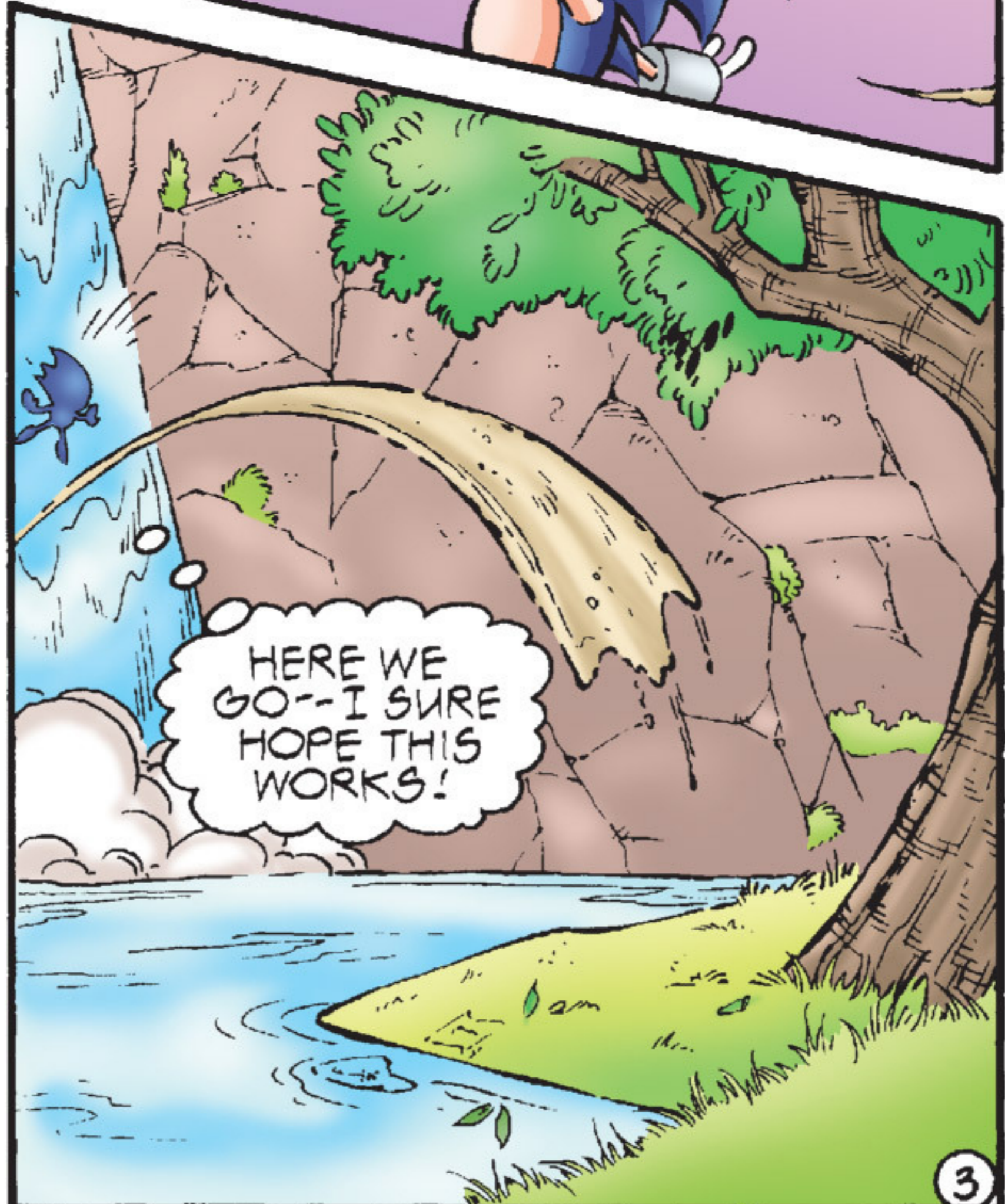
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TRY THIS TRICK FOR A WHILE NOW!!!



...ALTHOUGH I WOULD'VE PREFERRED LESS DRAMATIC CONDITIONS!

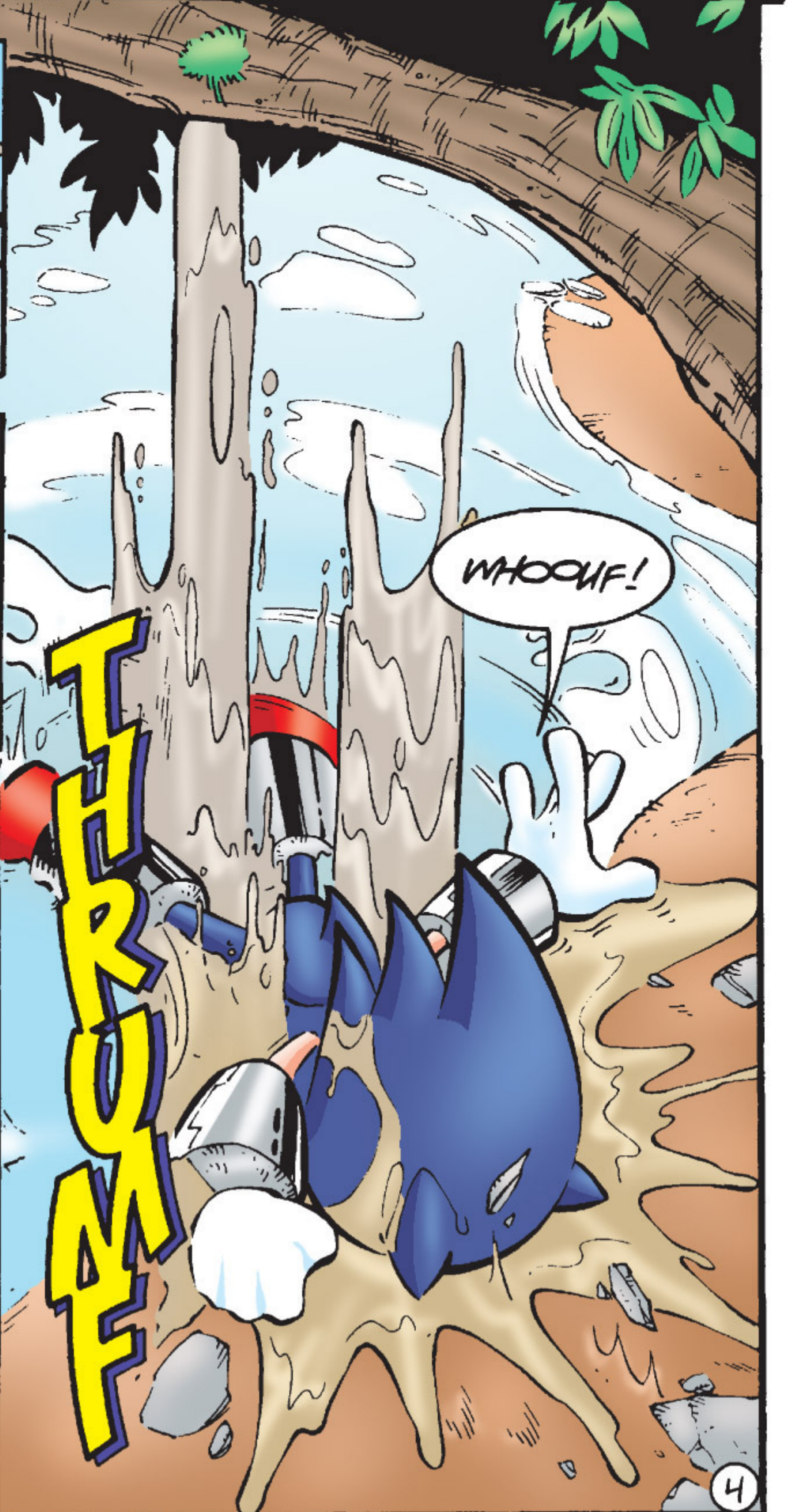
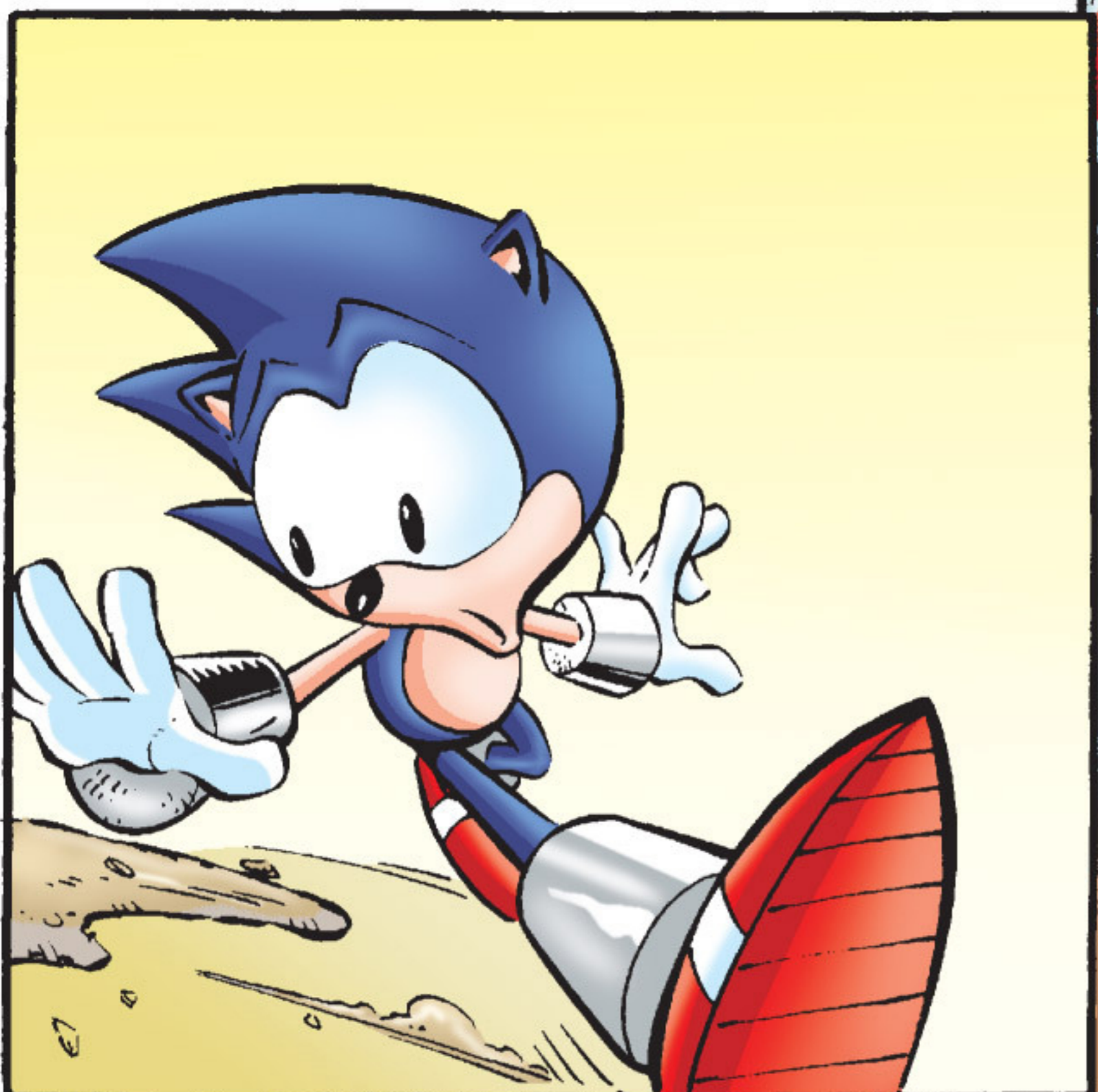
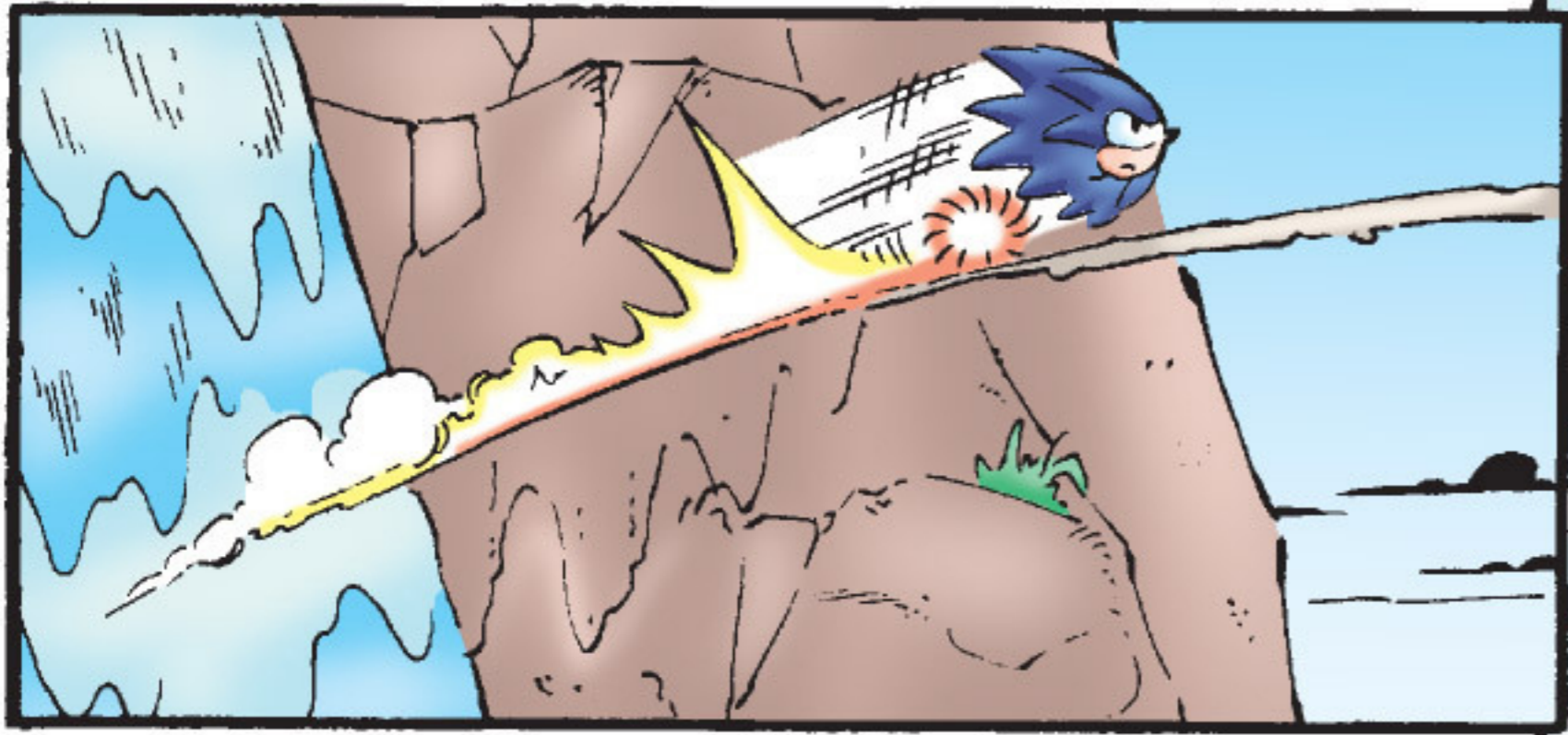
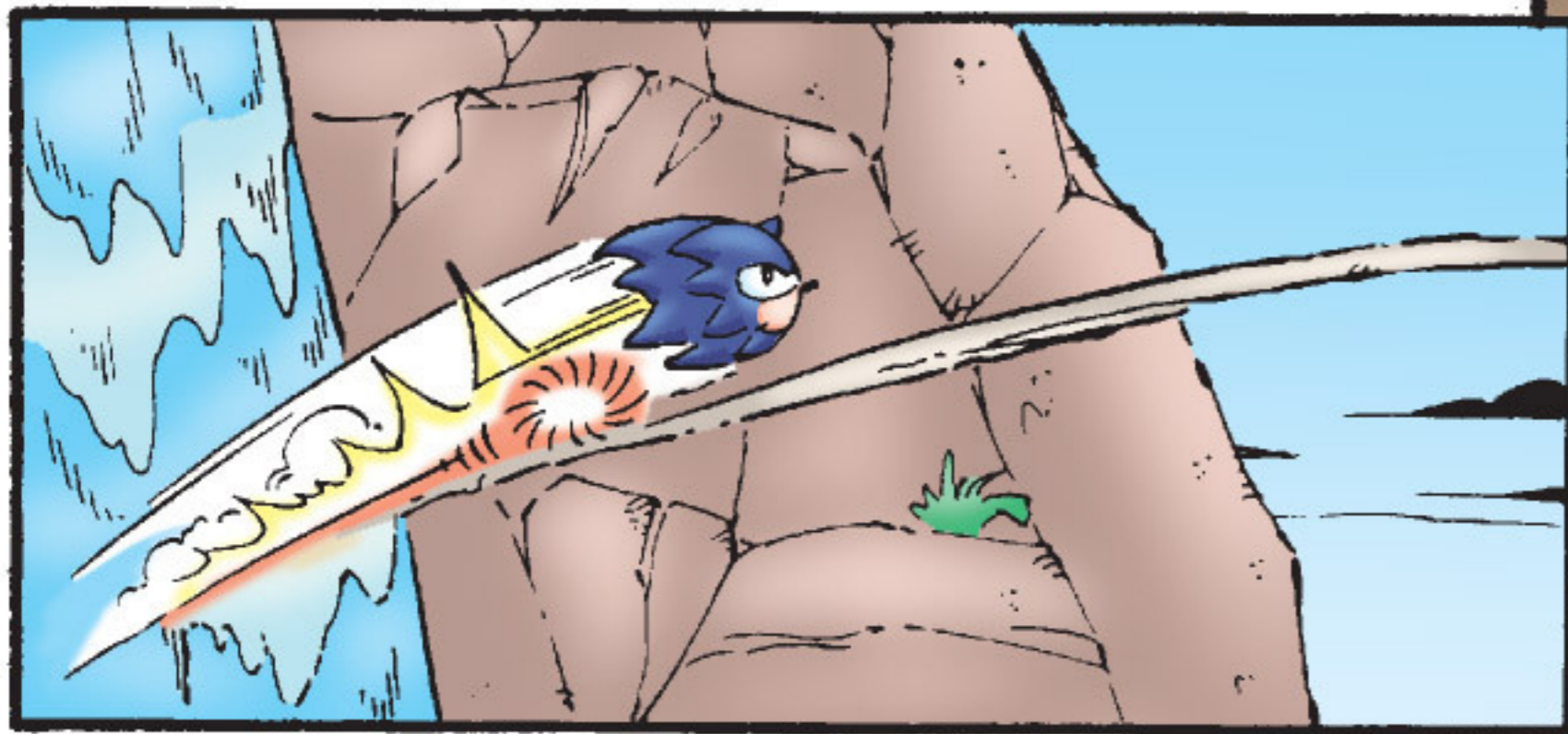
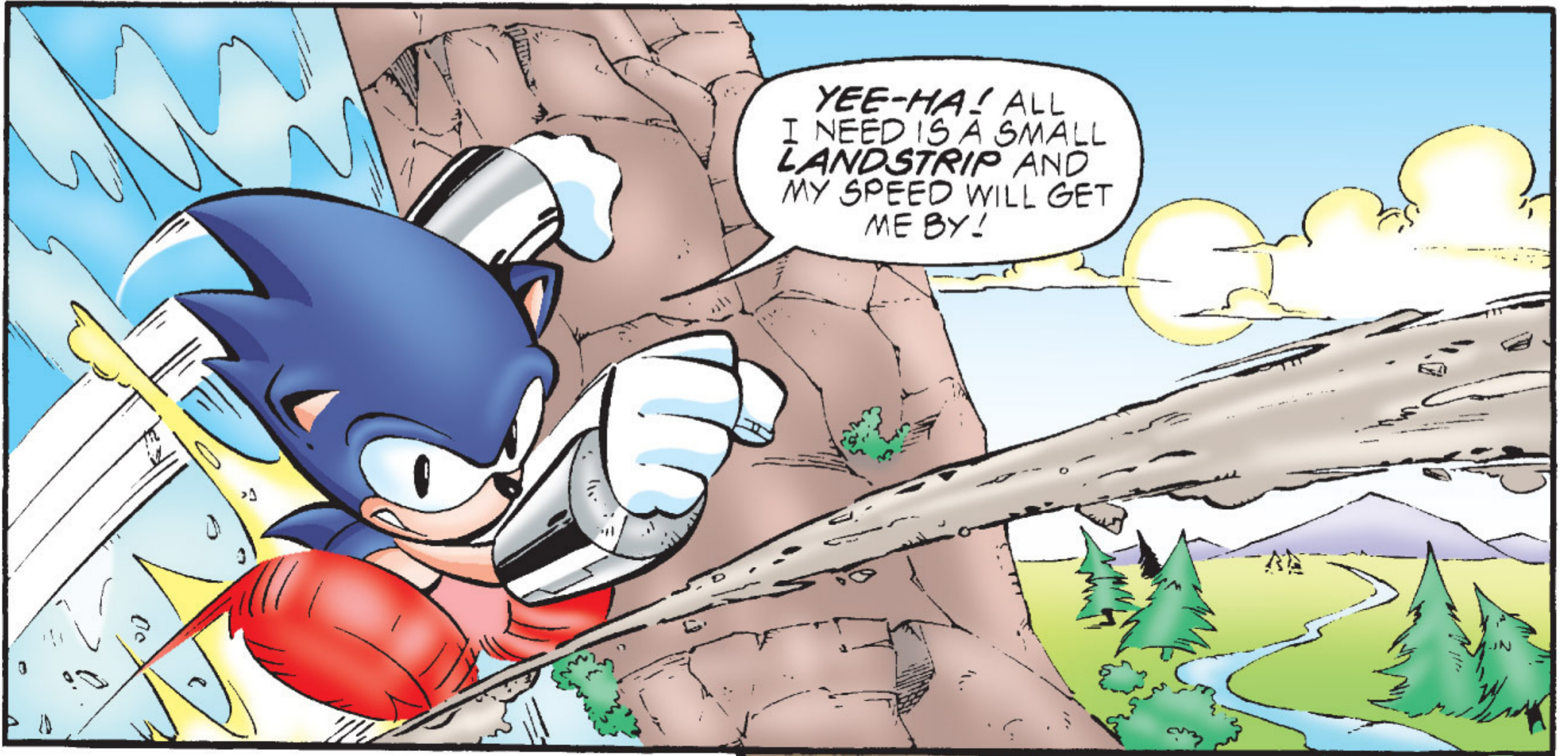


UNNGH!



HERE WE GO--I SURE HOPE THIS WORKS!









Slurrp!  
Muh-must  
R-rest...

Harumph!

Gasp!  
Wheeze!

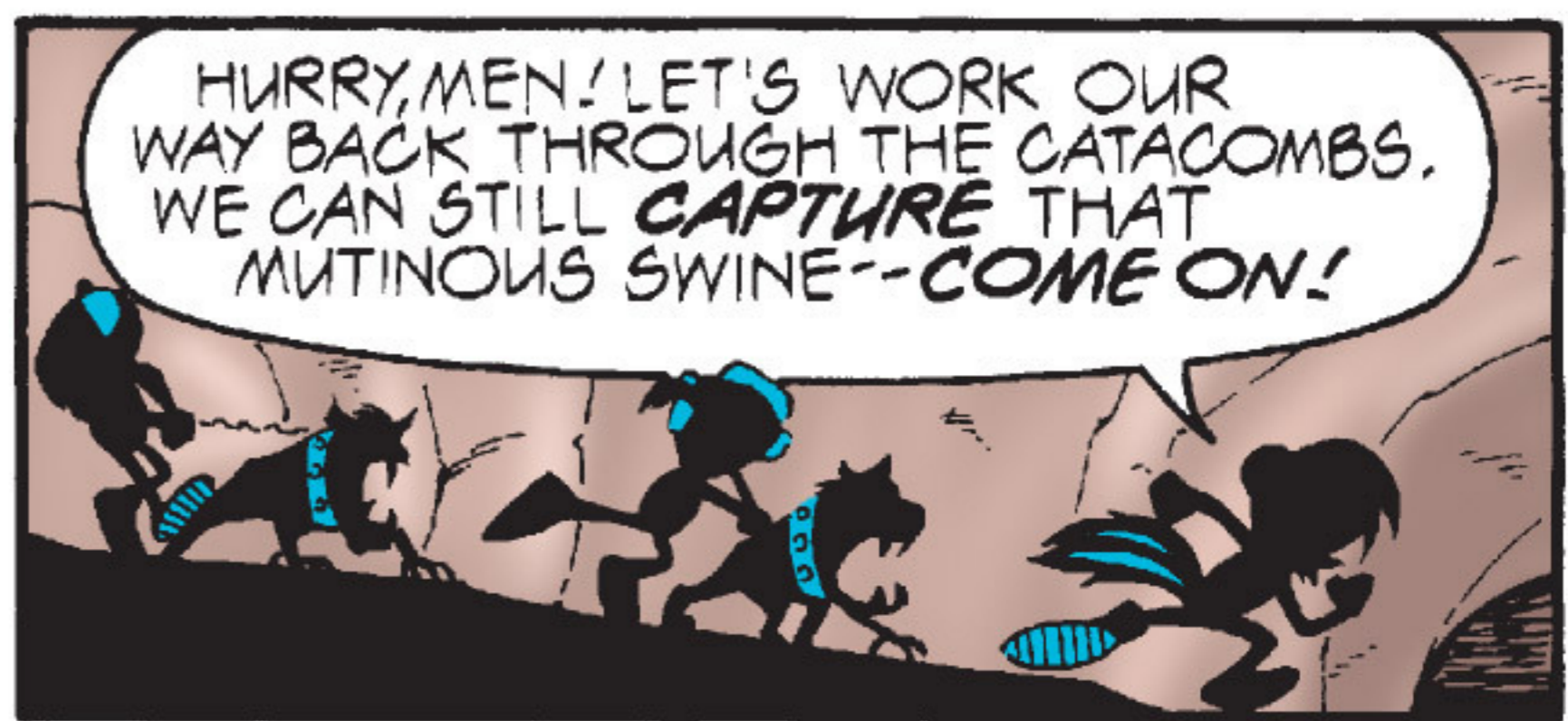
WHAT  
HAPPENED?

SONIC ESCAPED...  
TEMPORARILY!

GROWWR!  
SNARL!



HE'S DOWN  
THERE... ON THE  
RIVERBANK!



HURRY, MEN! LET'S WORK OUR  
WAY BACK THROUGH THE CATACOMBS.  
WE CAN STILL **CAPTURE** THAT  
MUTINOUS SWINE-- COME ON!



GOTTA KEEP  
GOING... HAVE TO--  
ESCAPE TO PROVE--  
INNOCENCE...

GOTTA GET BACK  
TO...



--"KNOTHOLE!"

# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

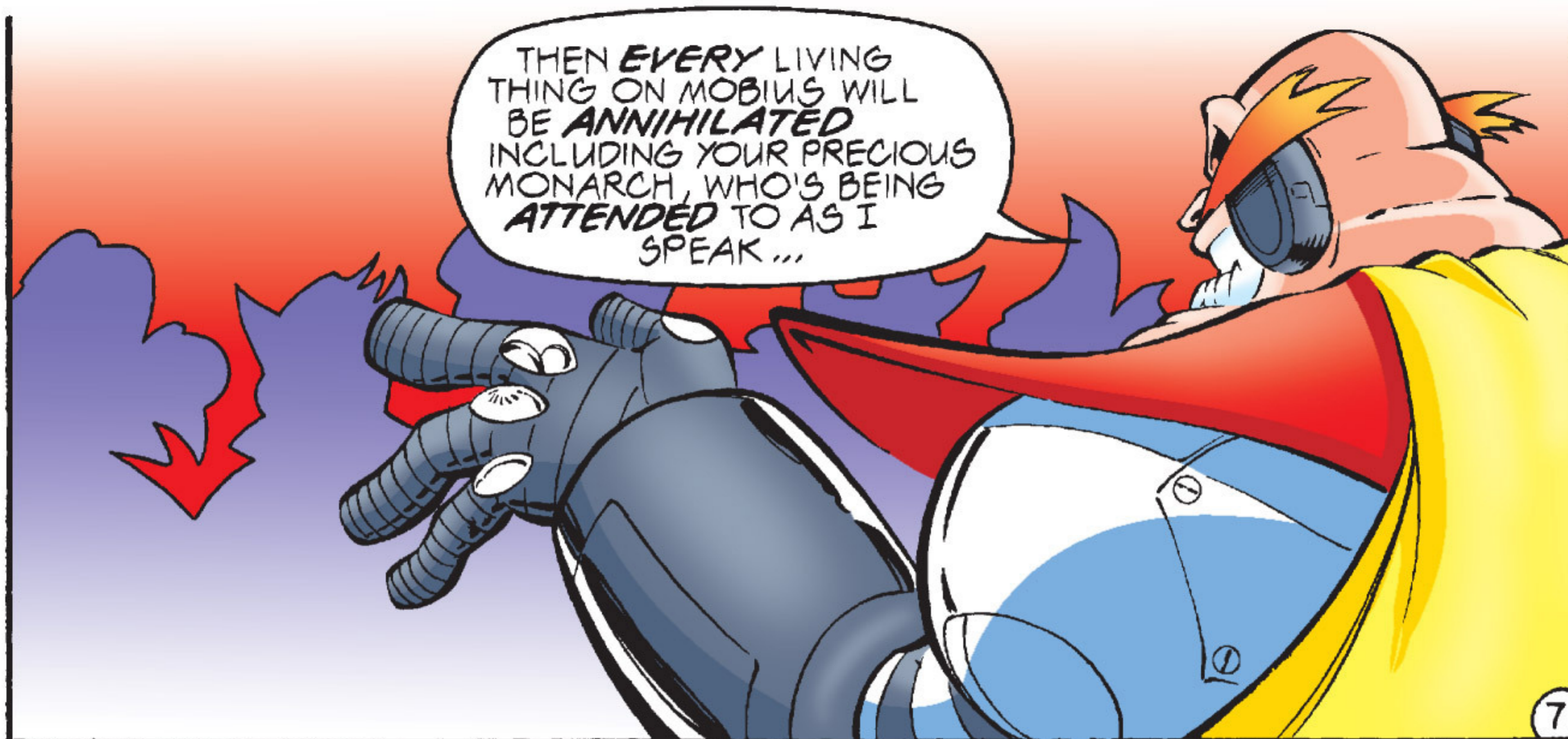
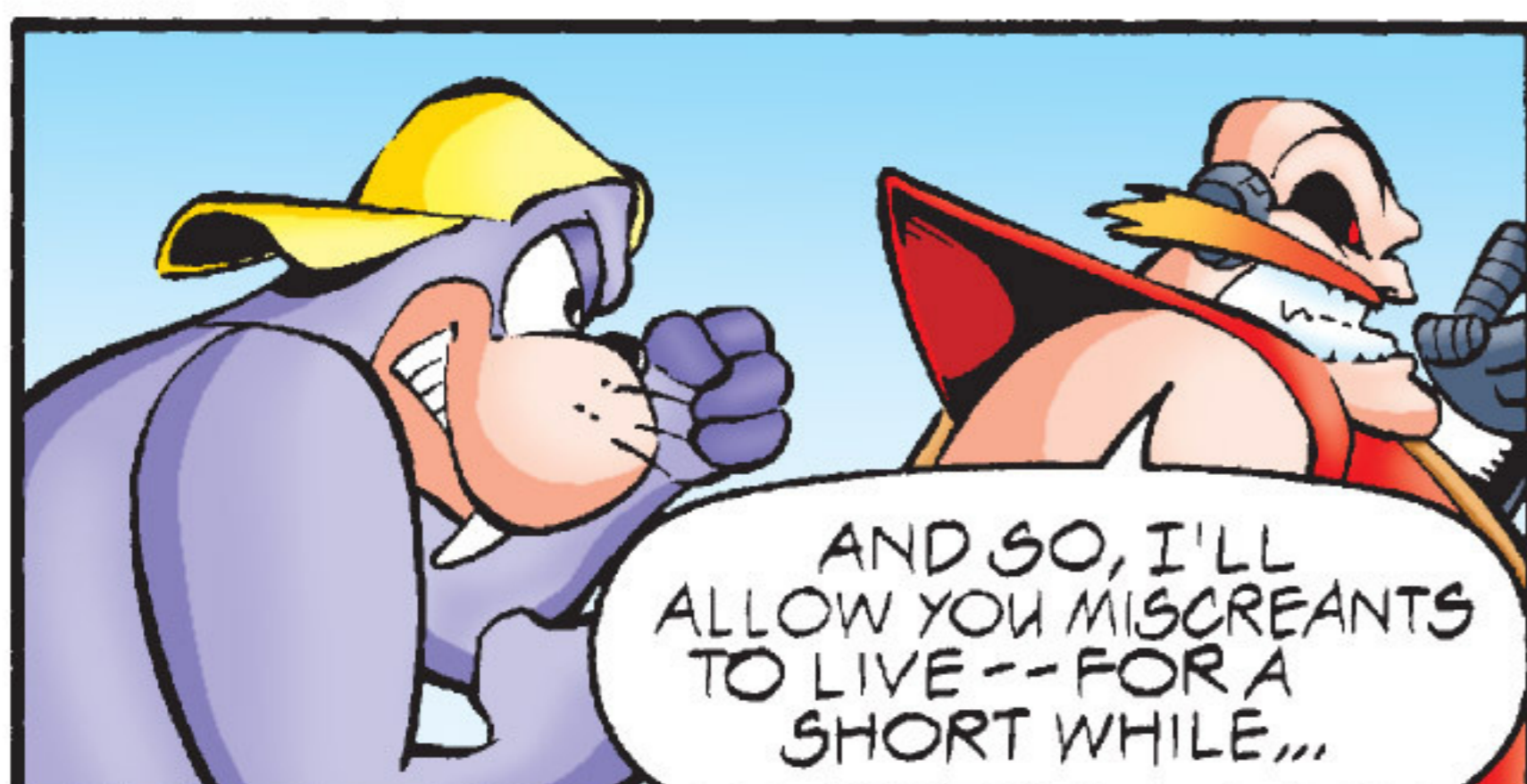
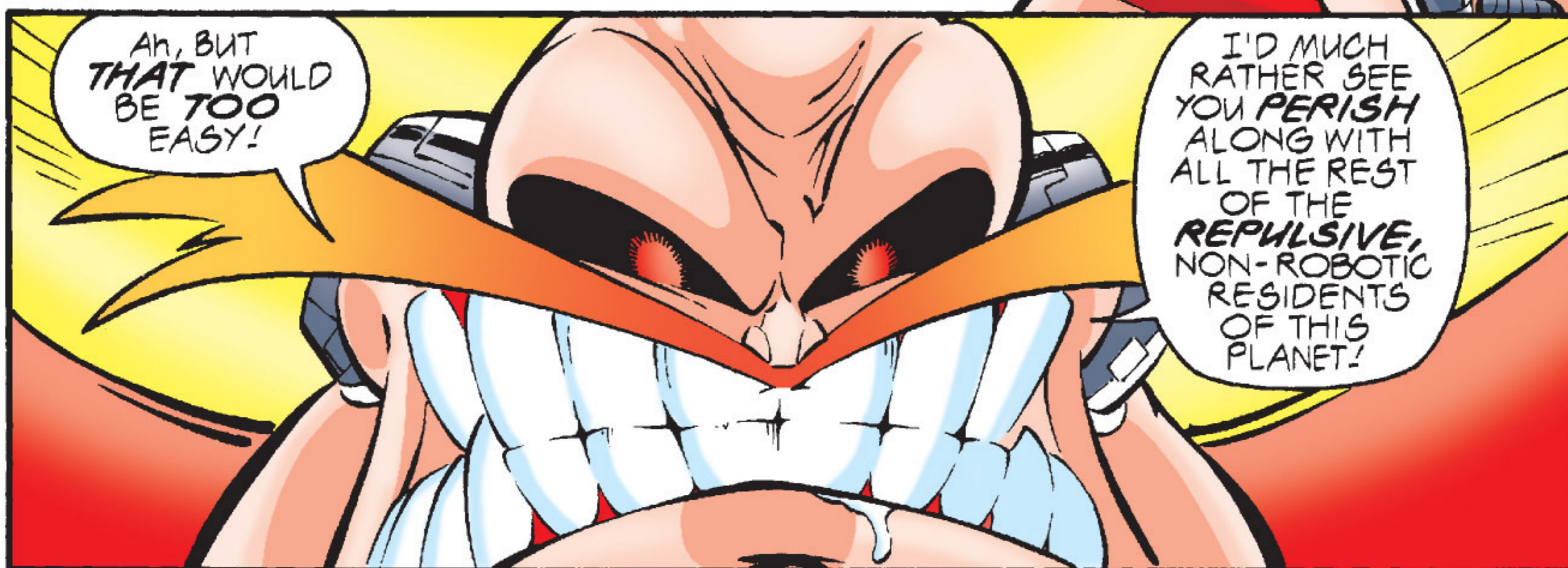
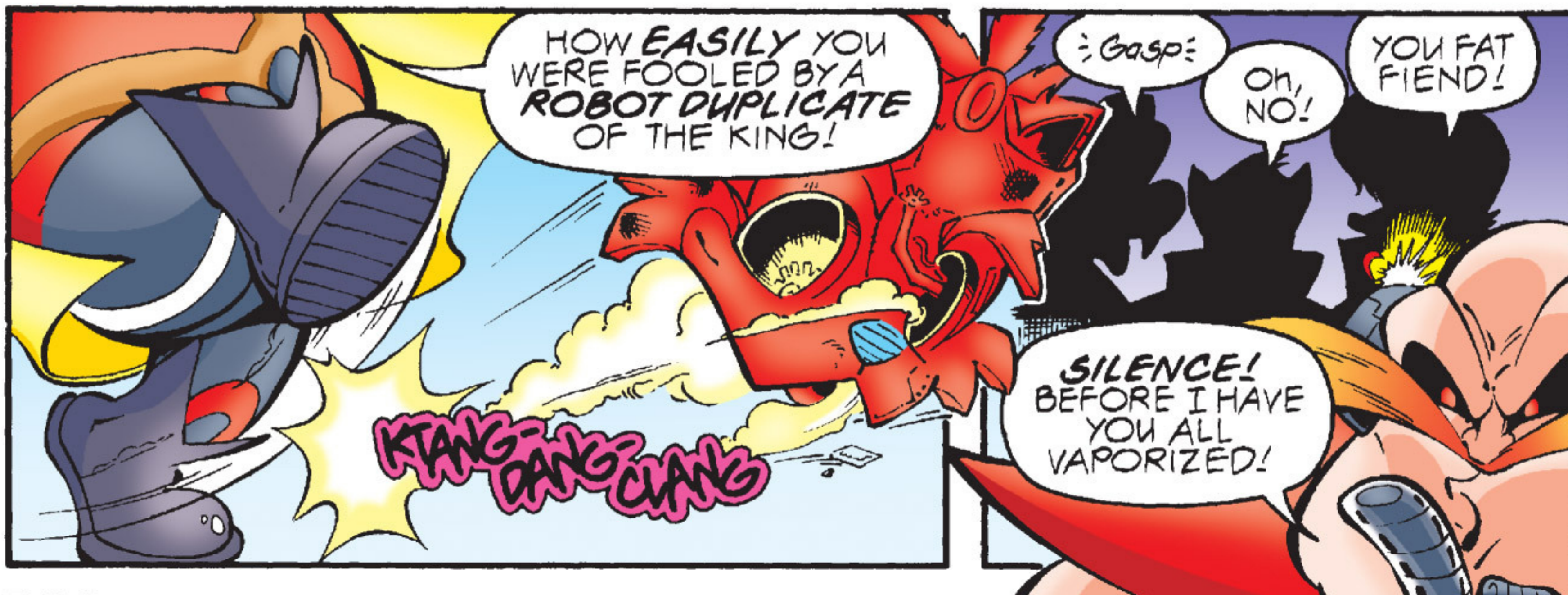
HAS INDEED BETRAYED YOU!

BUT DESPITE WHAT YOU'RE ALL THINKING, KING ACORN HAS NOT!

FOR THIS IS ANYTHING BUT YOUR BELOVED SOVEREIGN...

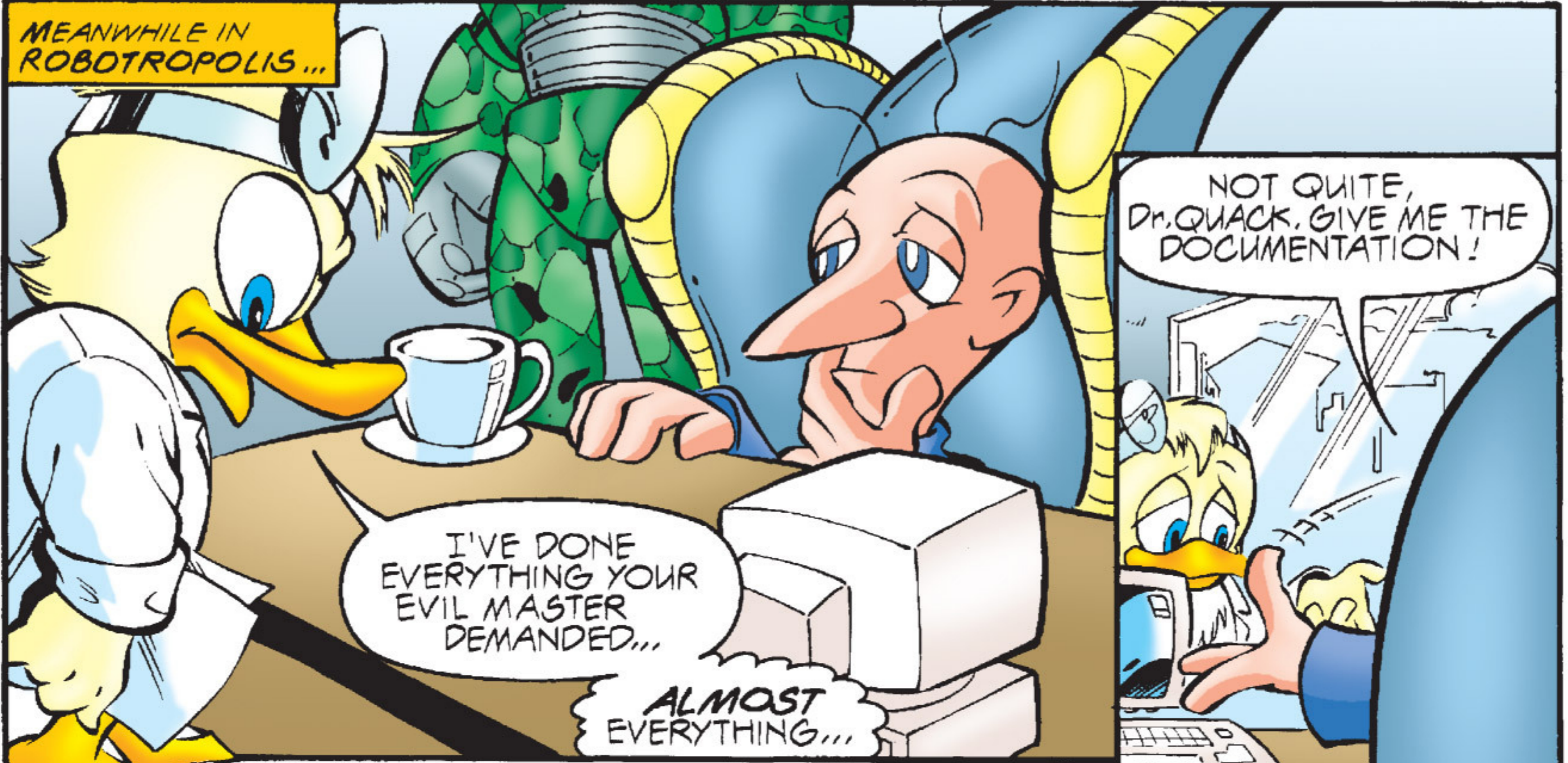








MEANWHILE IN  
ROBOTROPOLIS...



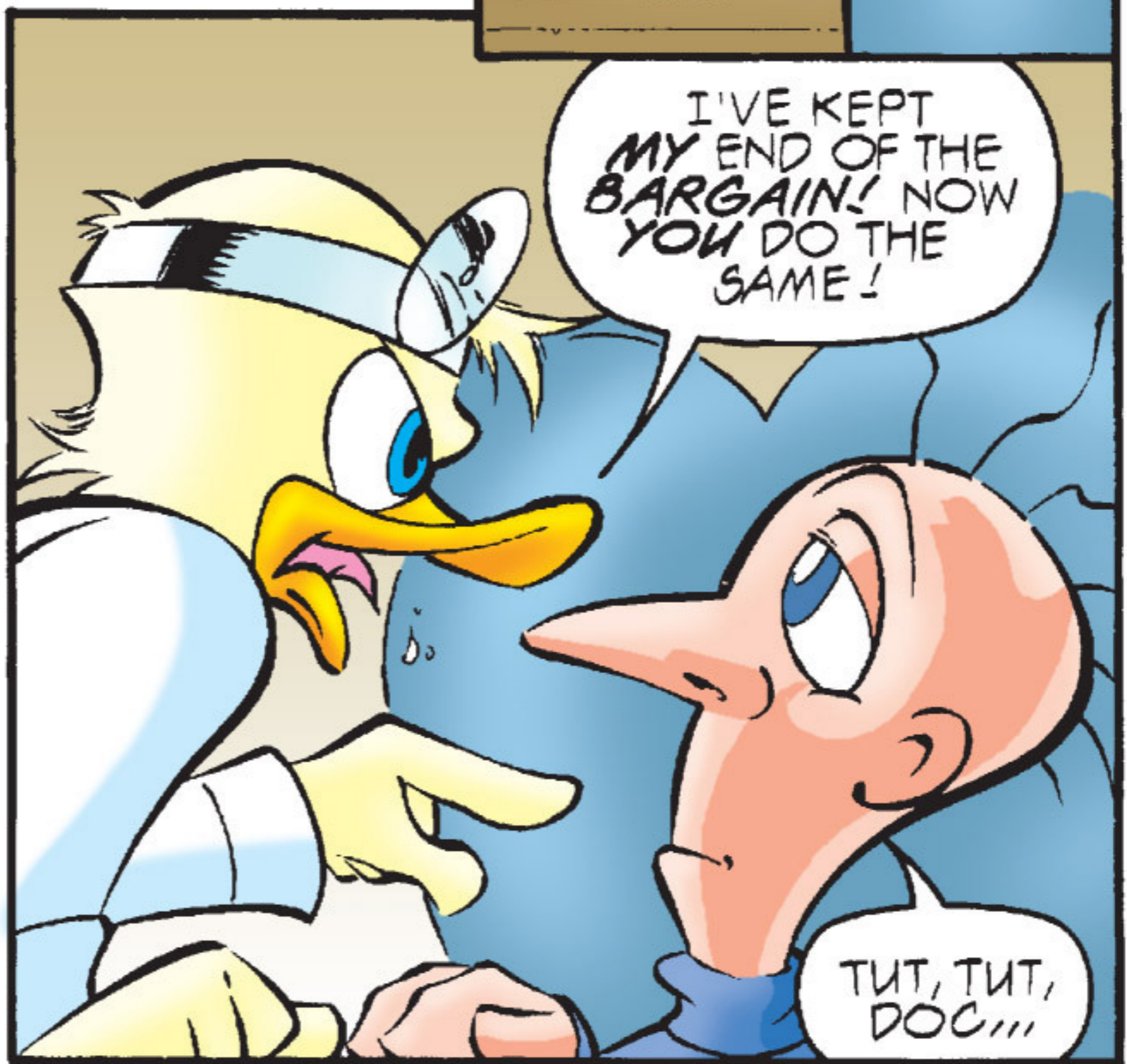
NOT QUITE,  
DR. QUACK. GIVE ME THE  
DOCUMENTATION!

I'VE DONE  
EVERYTHING YOUR  
EVIL MASTER  
DEMANDED...

ALMOST  
EVERYTHING...

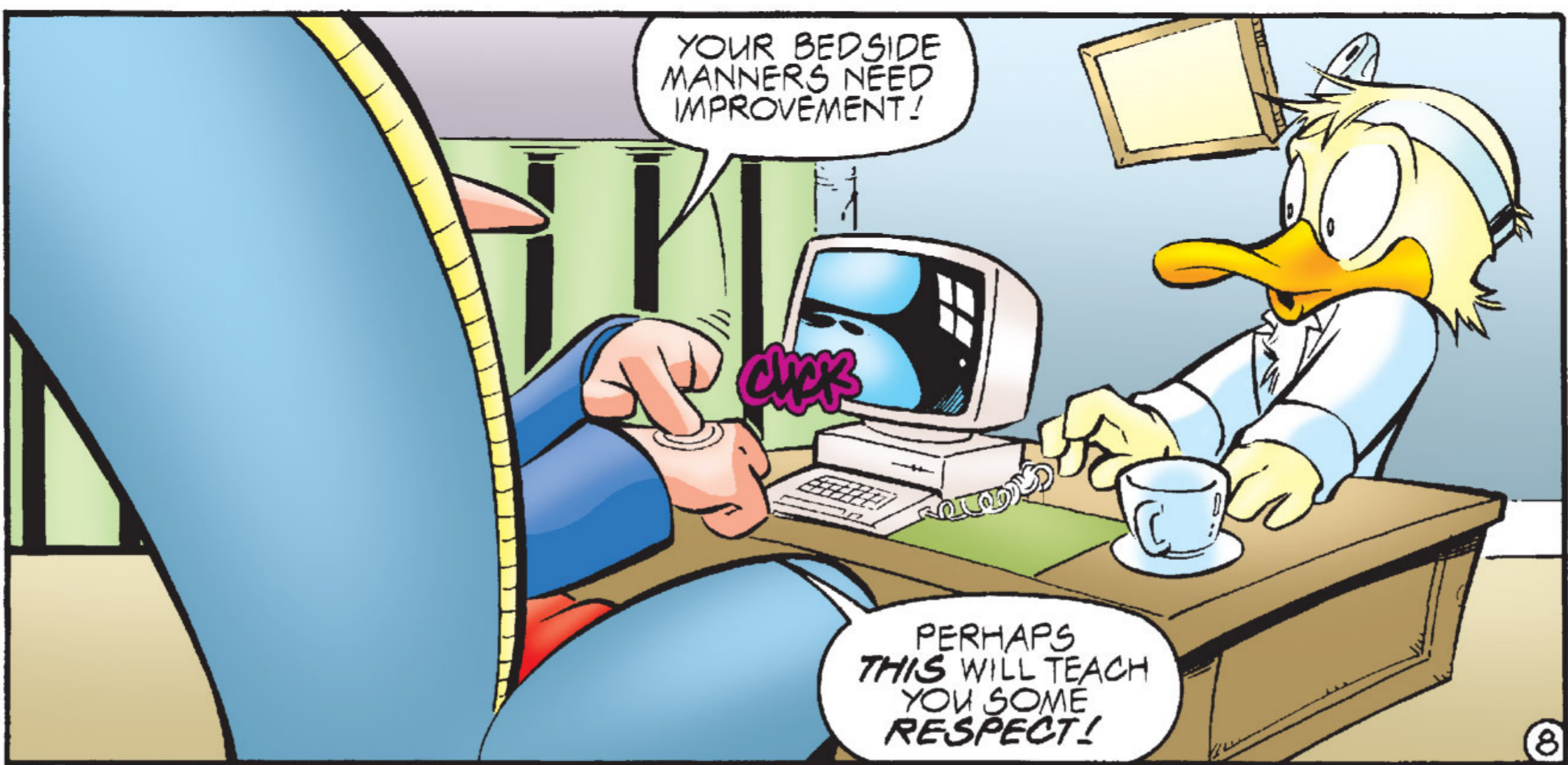


MUCH  
BETTER!



I'VE KEPT  
MY END OF THE  
BARGAIN! NOW  
YOU DO THE  
SAME!

TUT, TUT,  
DOC...

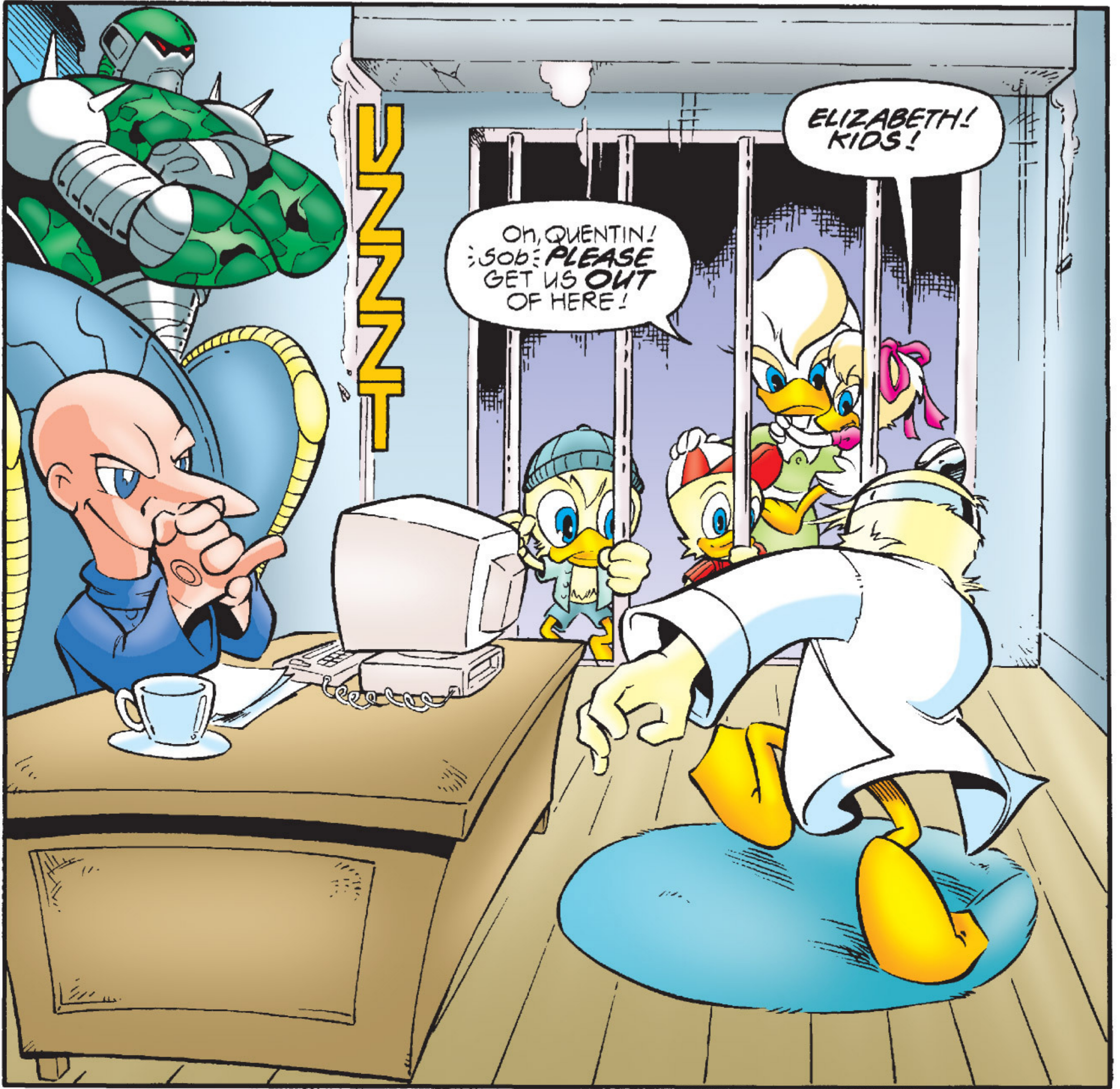


YOUR BEDSIDE  
MANNERS NEED  
IMPROVEMENT!

click

PERHAPS  
THIS WILL TEACH  
YOU SOME  
RESPECT!

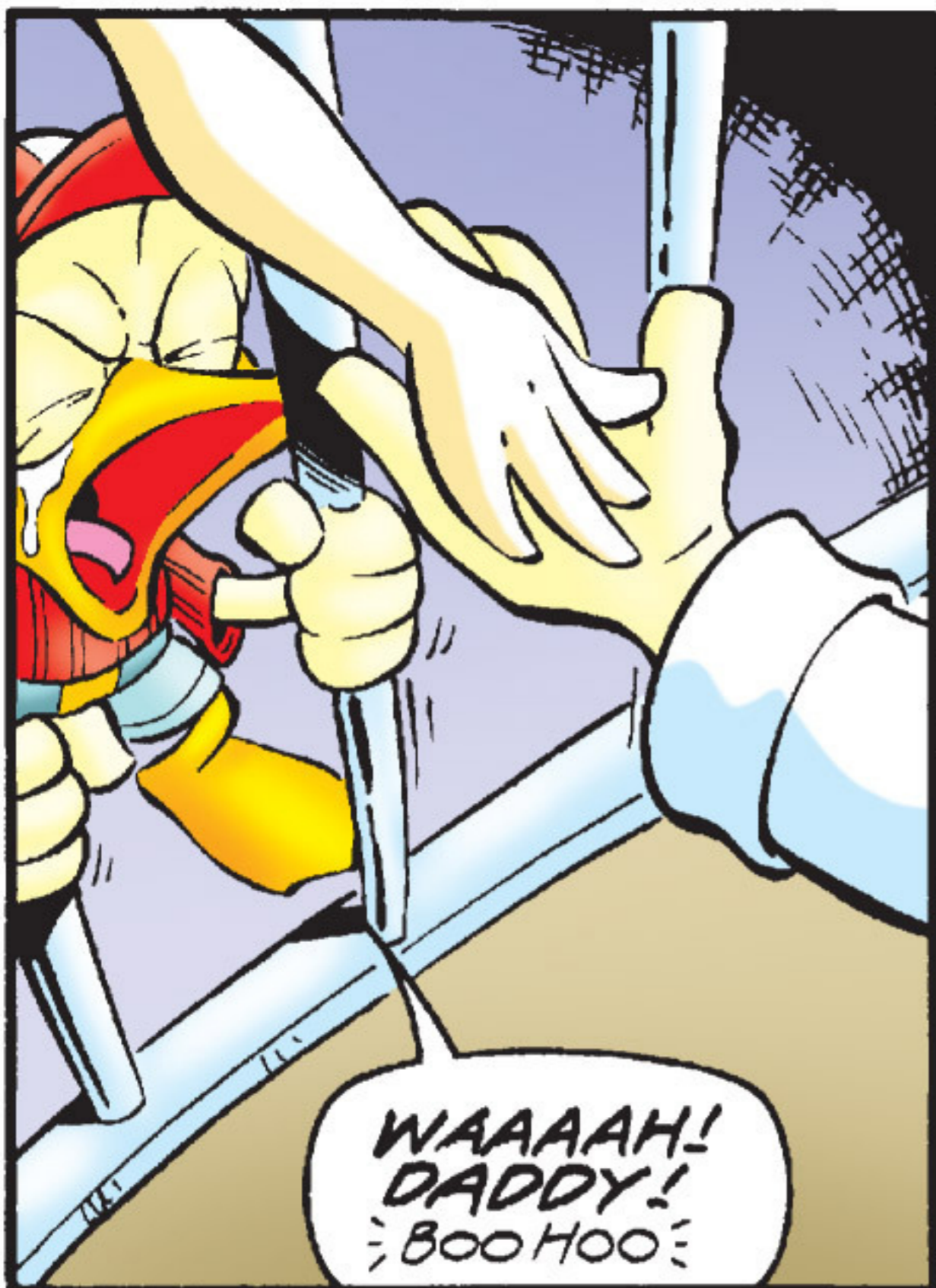




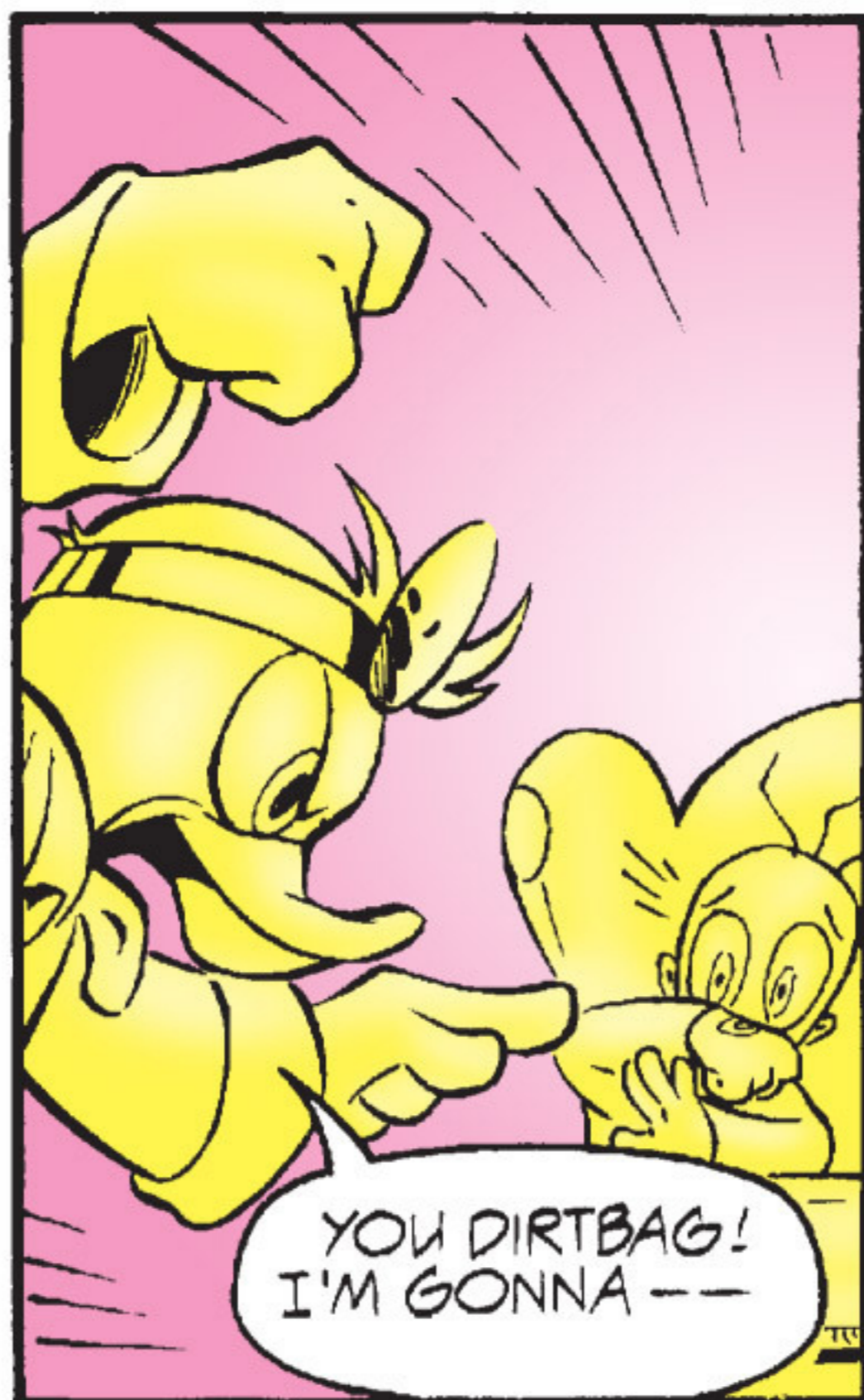
Oh, QUENTIN!  
Sob: PLEASE  
GET US OUT  
OF HERE!

ELIZABETH!  
KIDS!

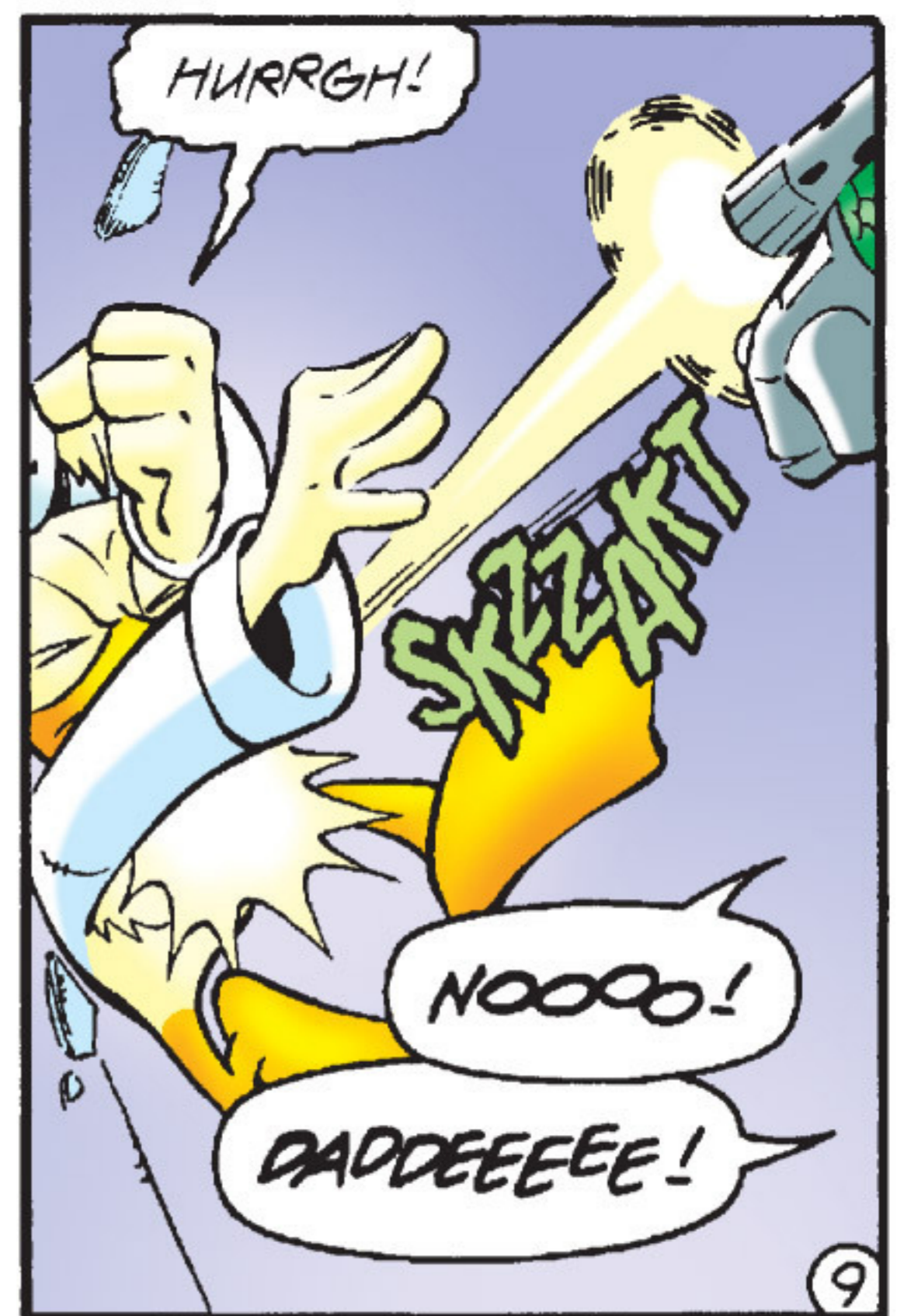
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WAAAAH!  
DADDY!  
Sob: Boo Hoo:



YOU DIRTBAG!  
I'M GONNA --

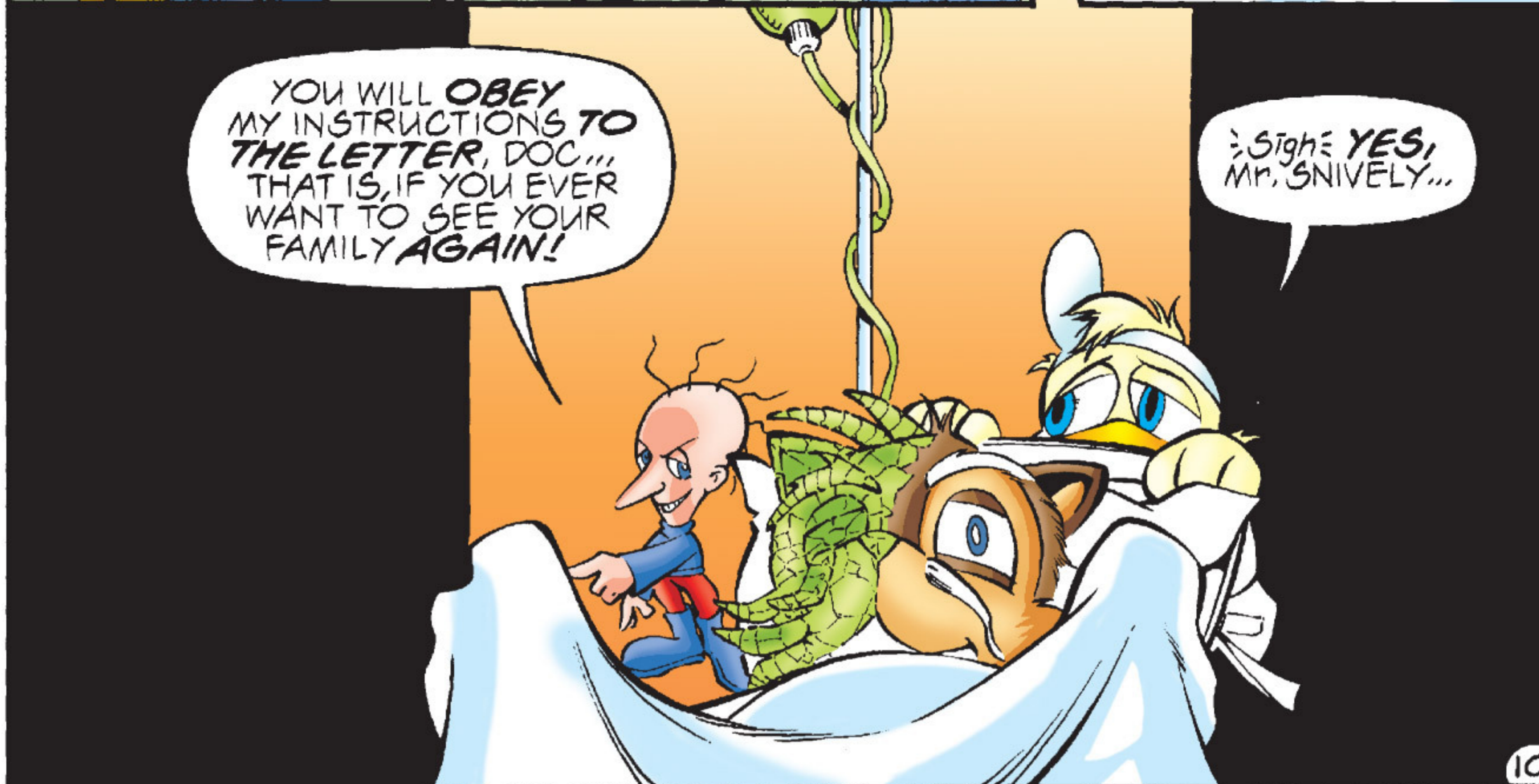
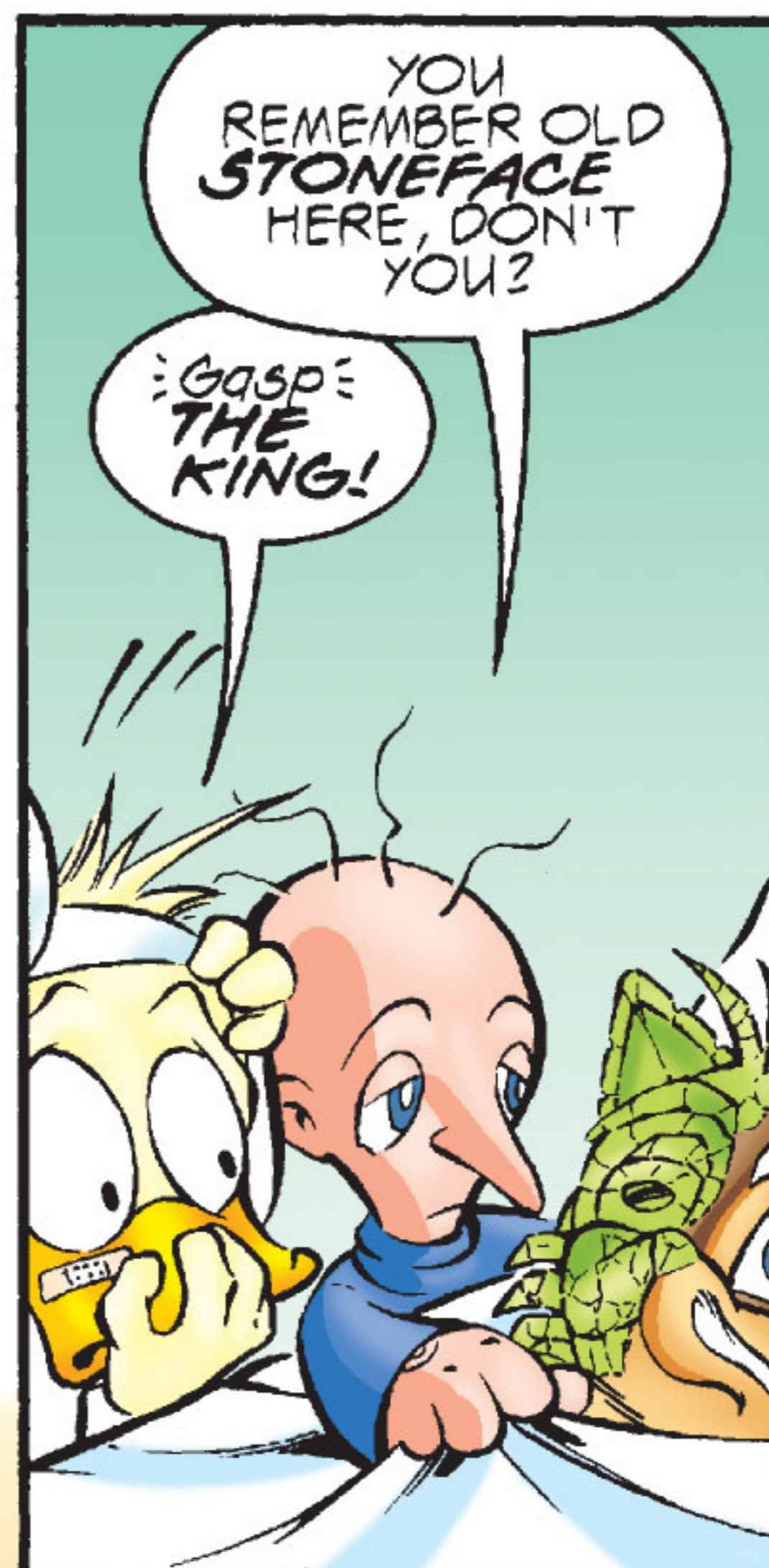
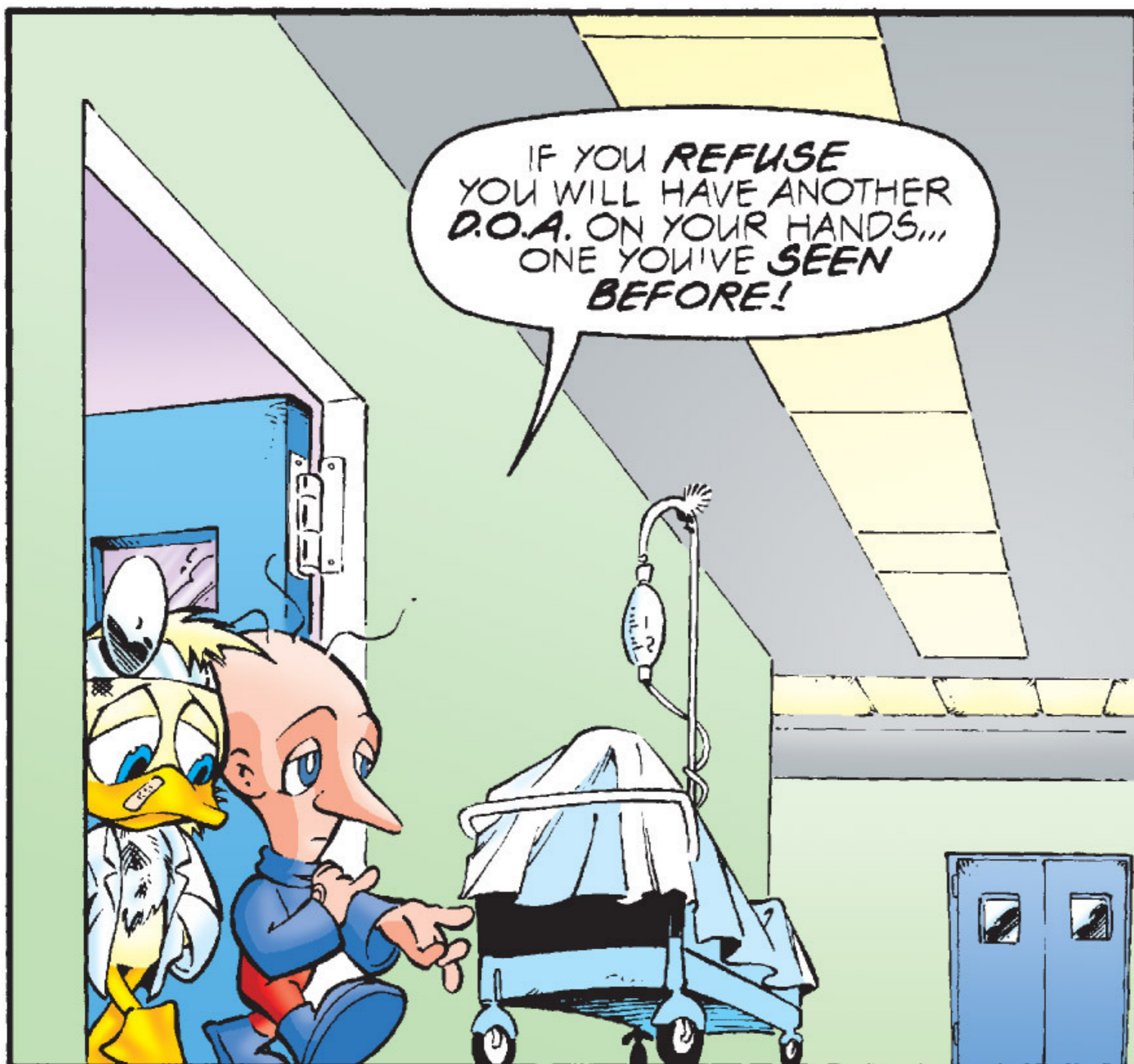
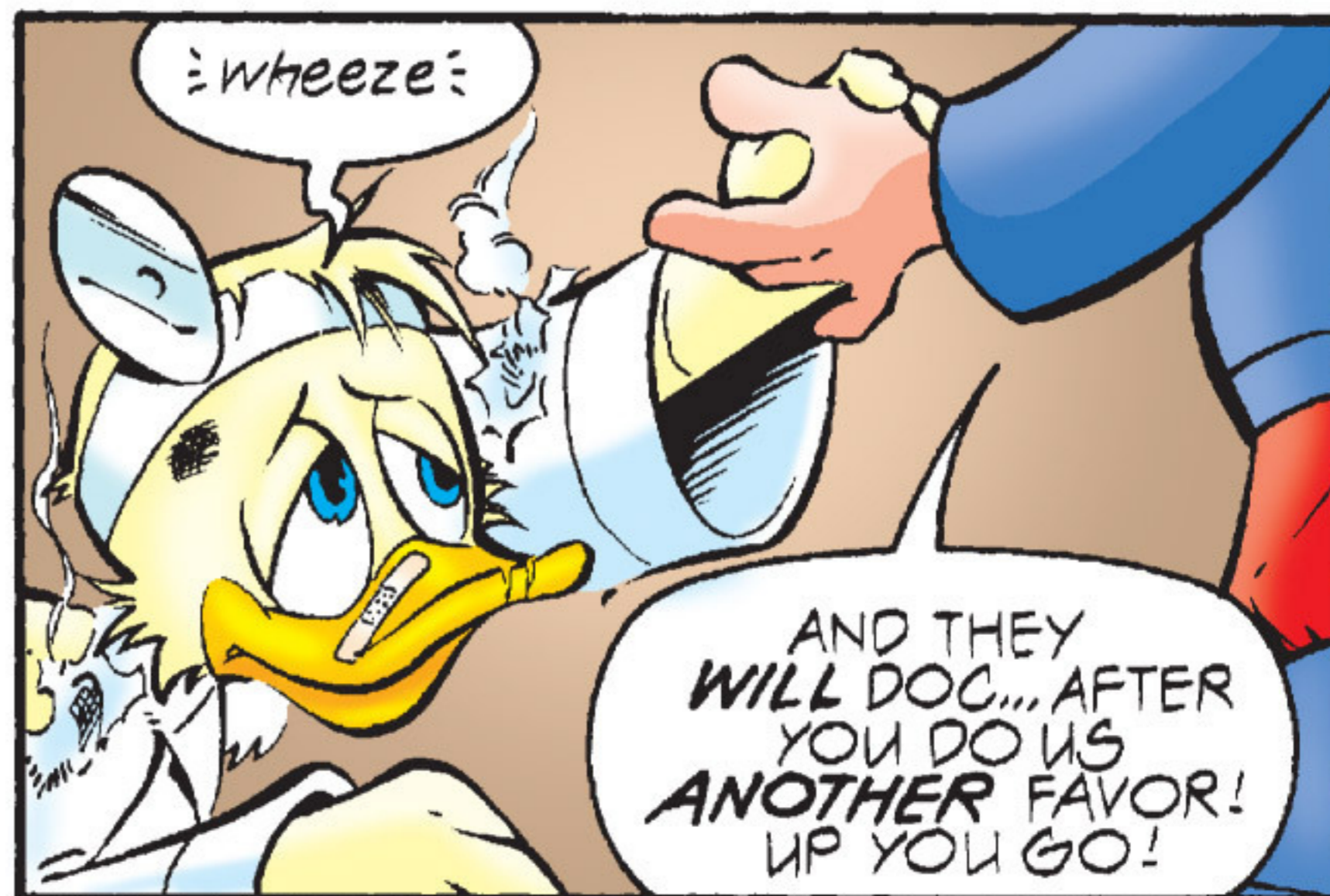
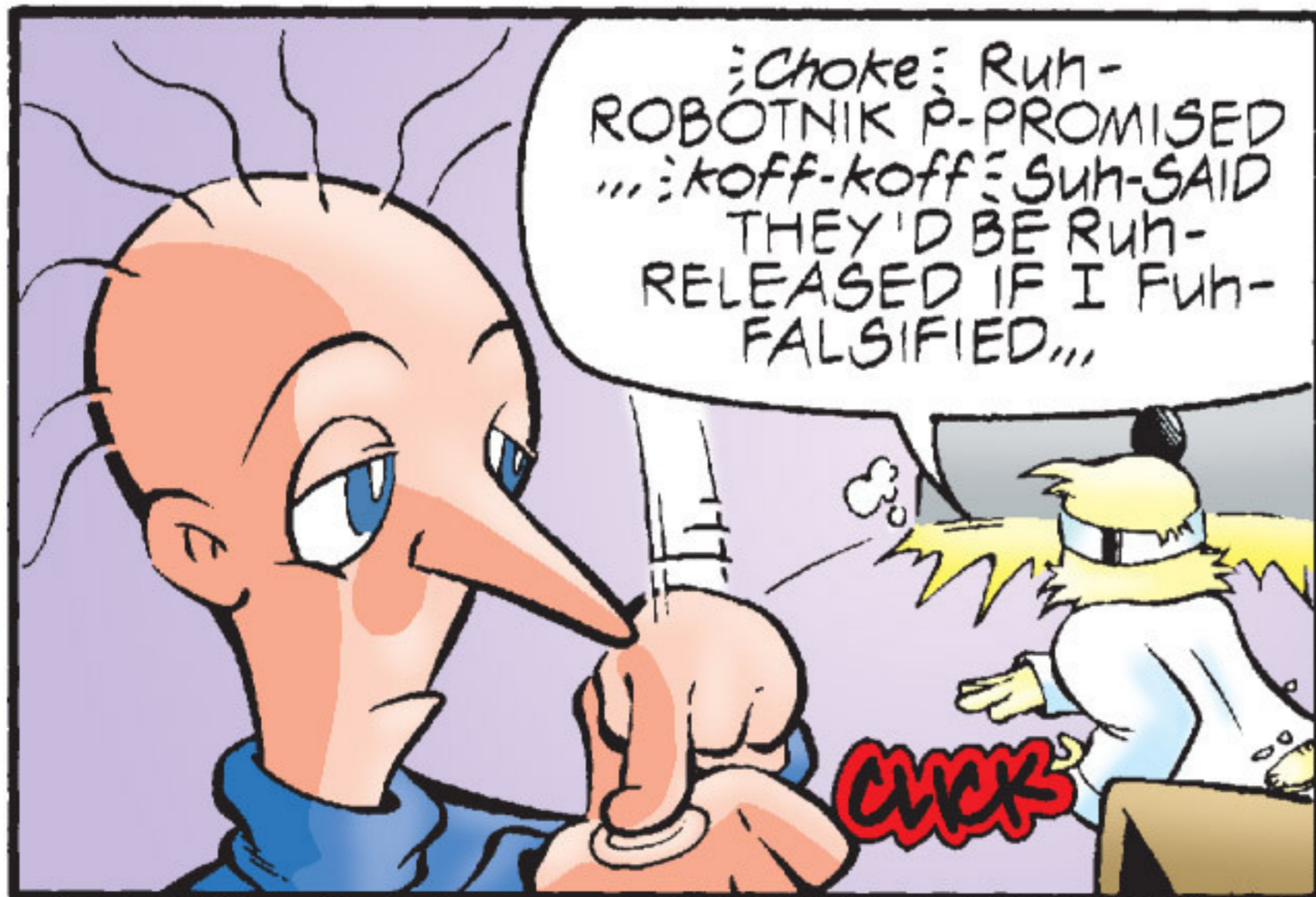


HURRHH!

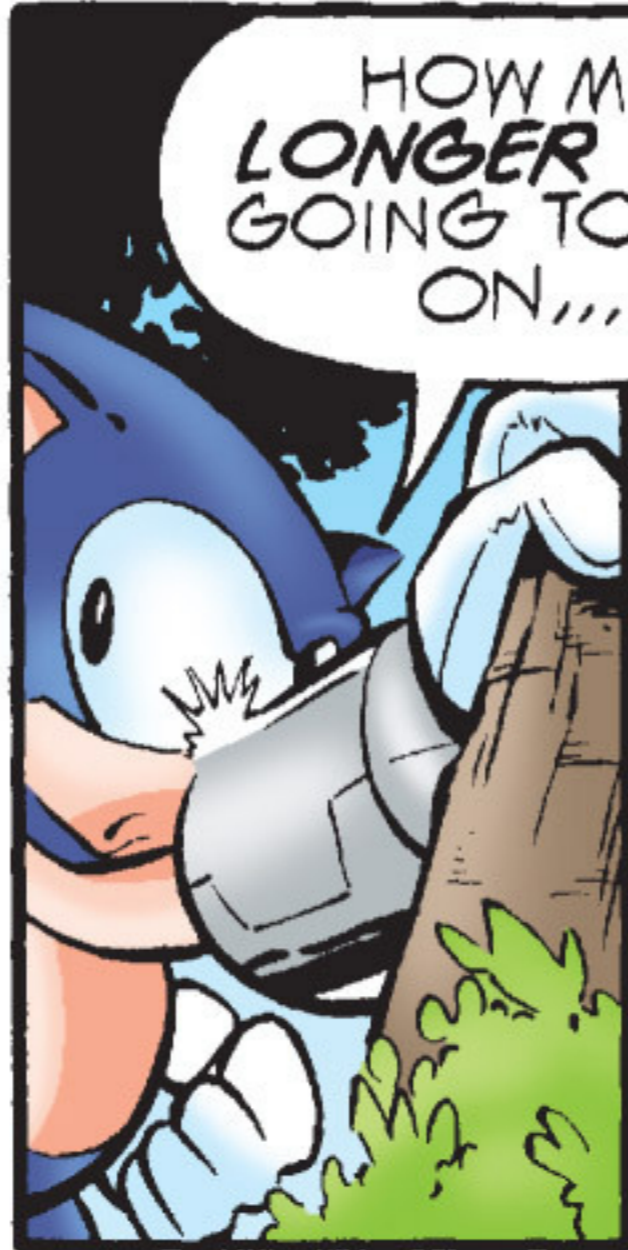
NOOOO!

DADDEEEEE!



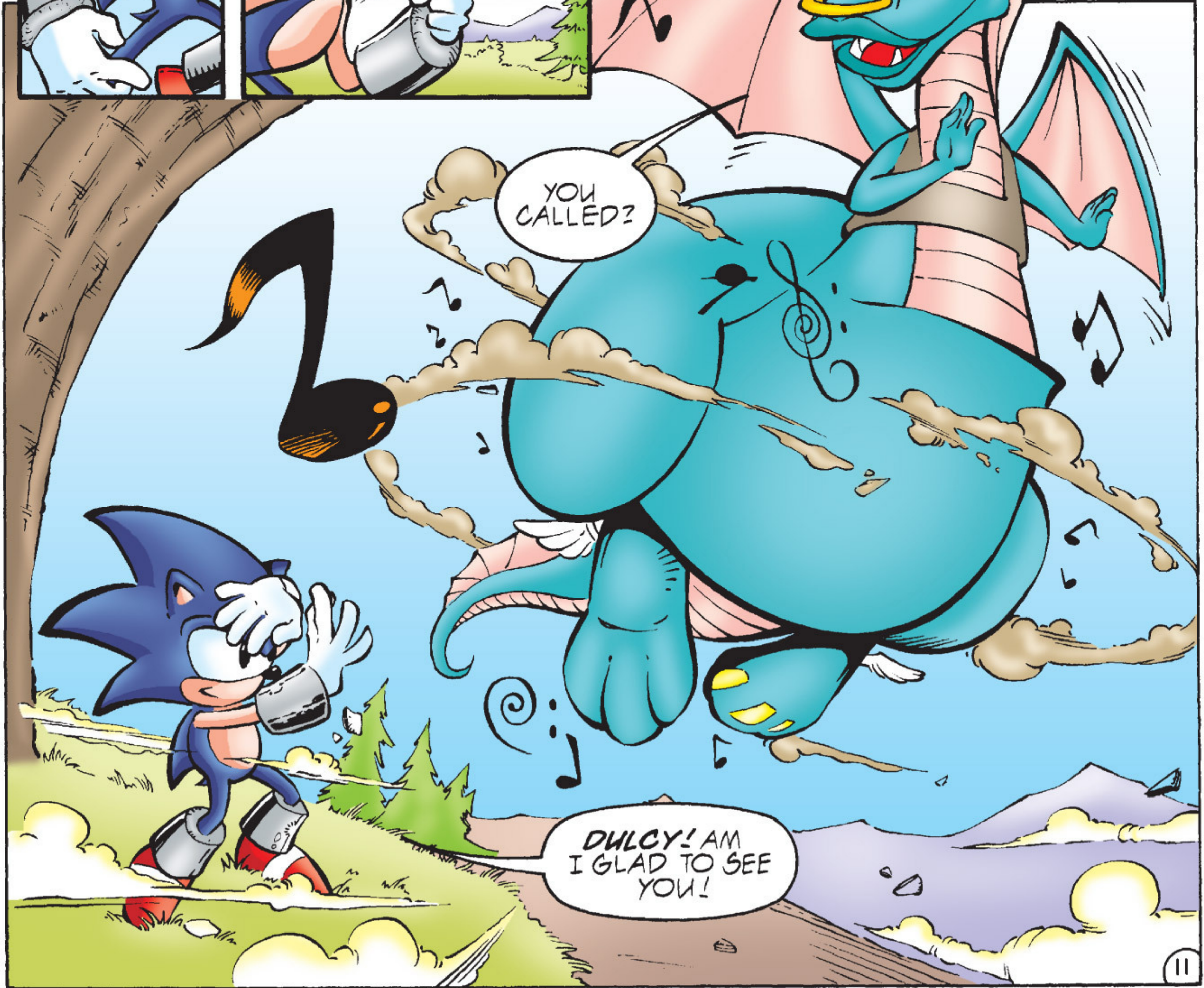




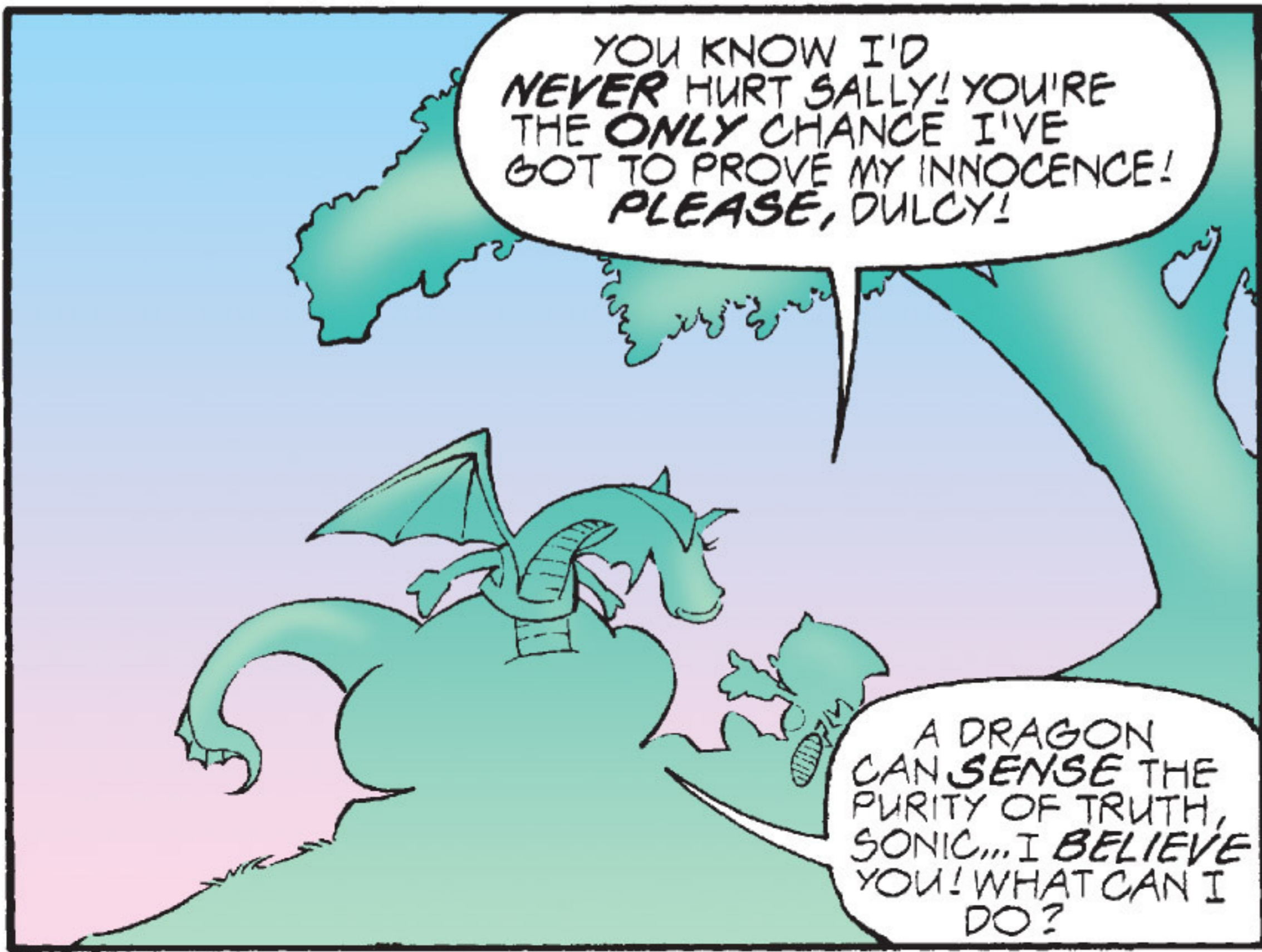


VIBRATING HIS VOCAL CHORDS AT A SPEED UNATTAINABLE BY ANY OTHER LIVING CREATURE, SONIC EMITS A HIGH-PITCHED WHISTLE--

ONE THAT CAN ONLY BE HEARD BY...

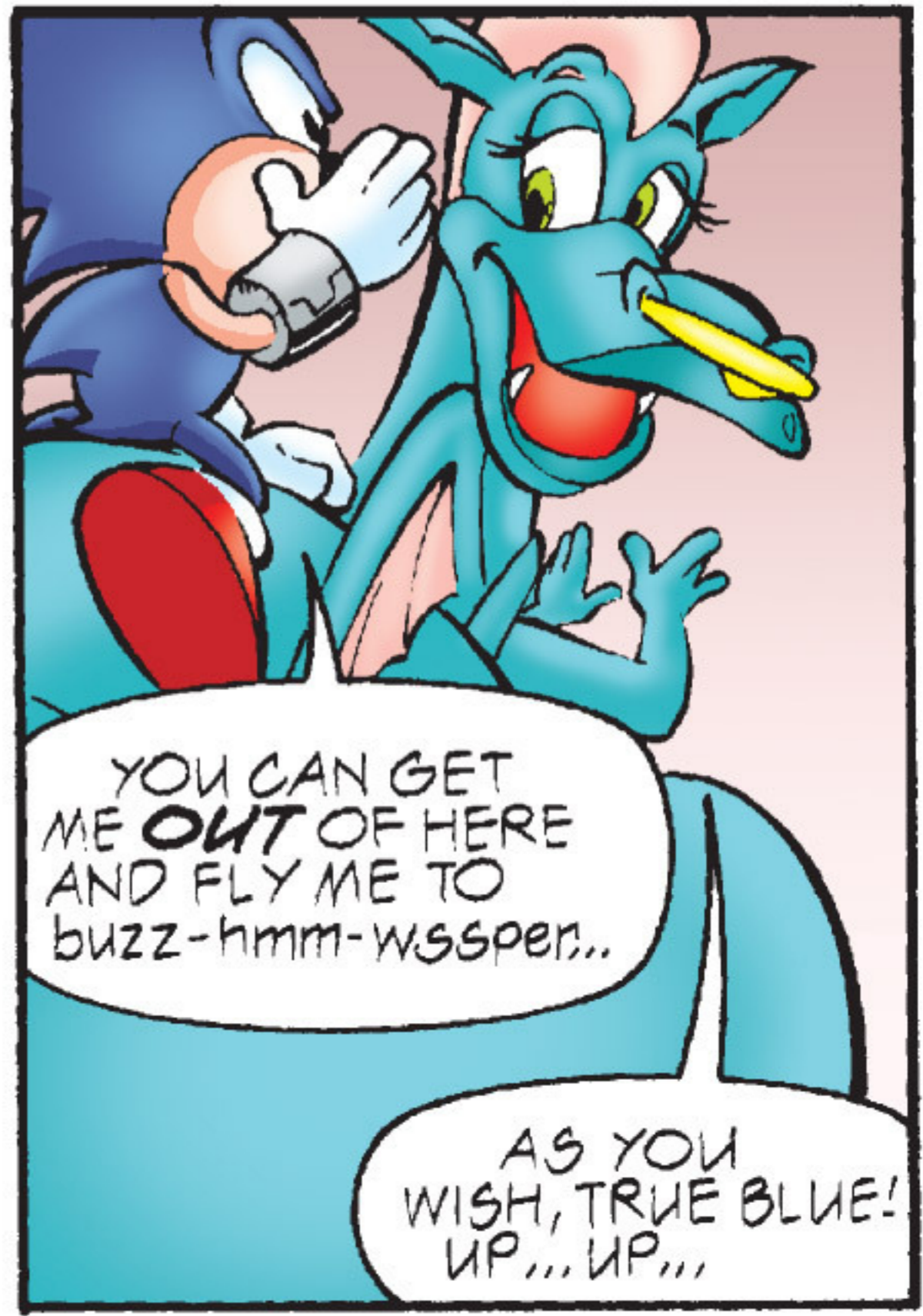






YOU KNOW I'D NEVER HURT SALLY! YOU'RE THE ONLY CHANCE I'VE GOT TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE! PLEASE, DULCY!

A DRAGON CAN SENSE THE PURITY OF TRUTH, SONIC... I BELIEVE YOU! WHAT CAN I DO?



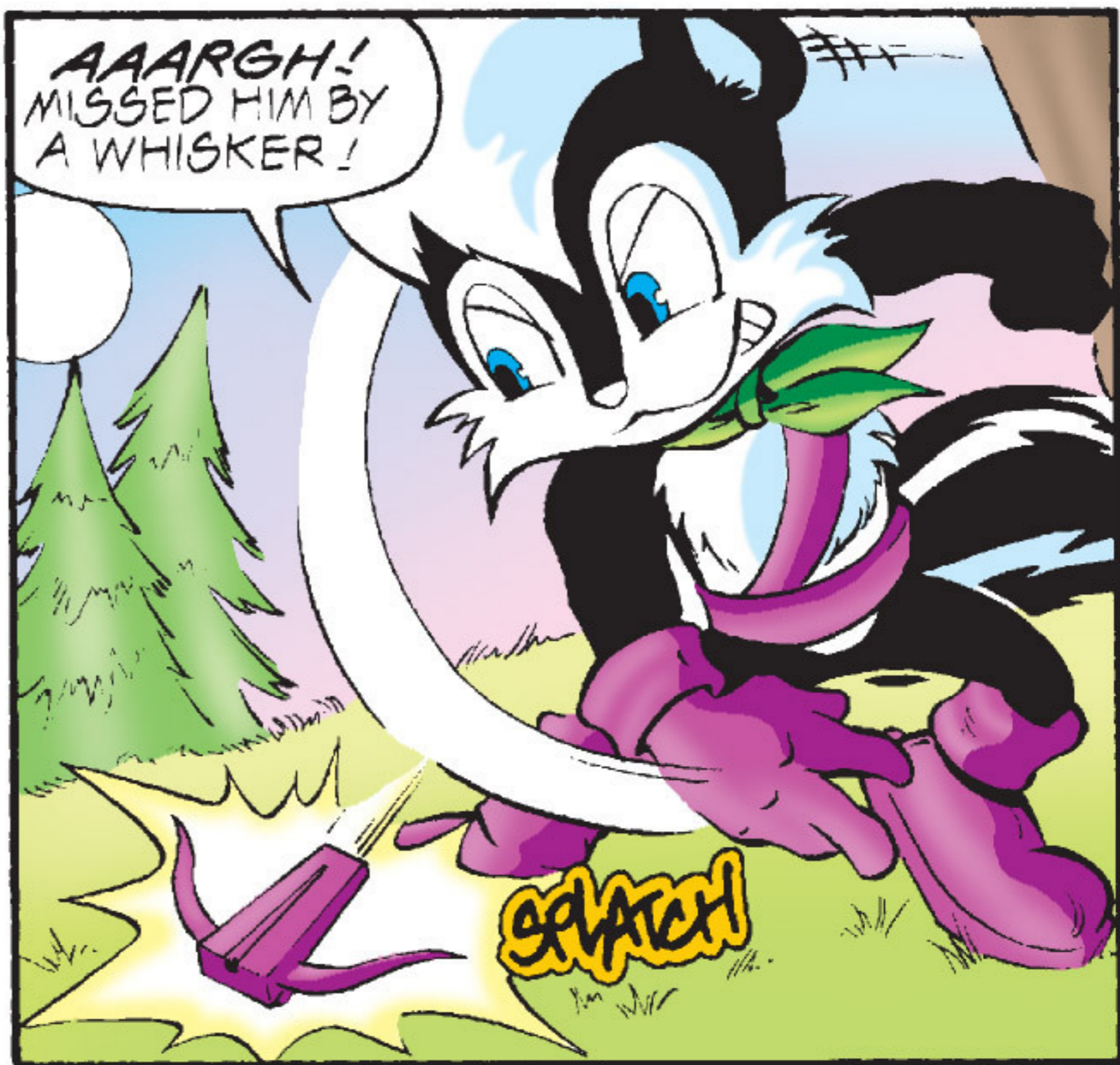
YOU CAN GET ME OUT OF HERE AND FLY ME TO buzz-hmm-wssper..

AS YOU WISH, TRUE BLUE! UP... UP...



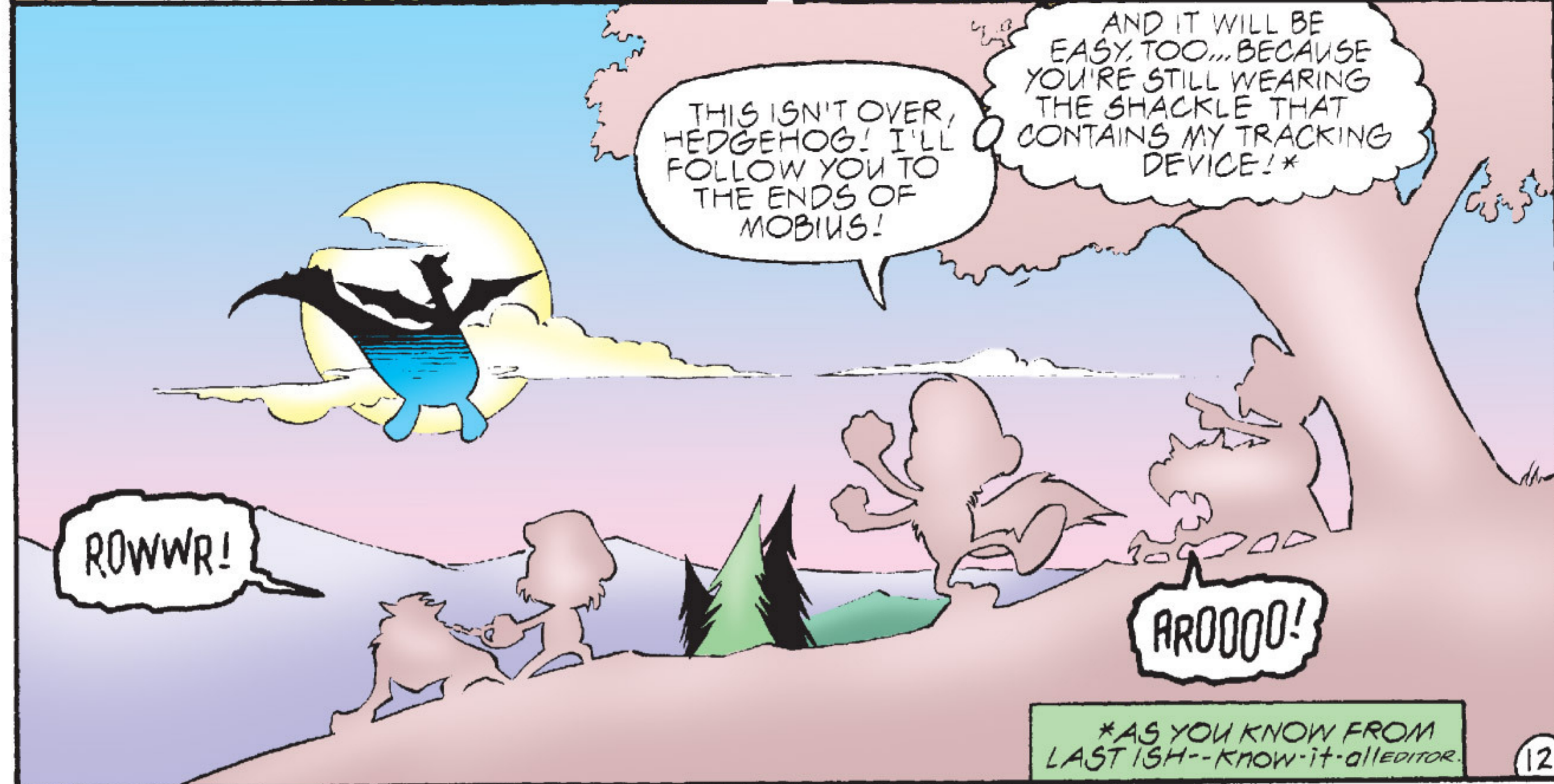
...AND AWAAAAY...

NOOOO!



AAARGH! MISSED HIM BY A WHISKER!

scratch!



THIS ISN'T OVER, HEDGEHOG! I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF MOBIUS!

AND IT WILL BE EASY, TOO... BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL WEARING THE SHACKLE THAT CONTAINS MY TRACKING DEVICE! \*

ROWWR!

AROOO!

\*AS YOU KNOW FROM LAST ISH--KNOW-it-all EDITOR.





MEANWHILE IN  
HERSHEY'S  
COTTAGE...

THIS IS  
HORRIBLE!



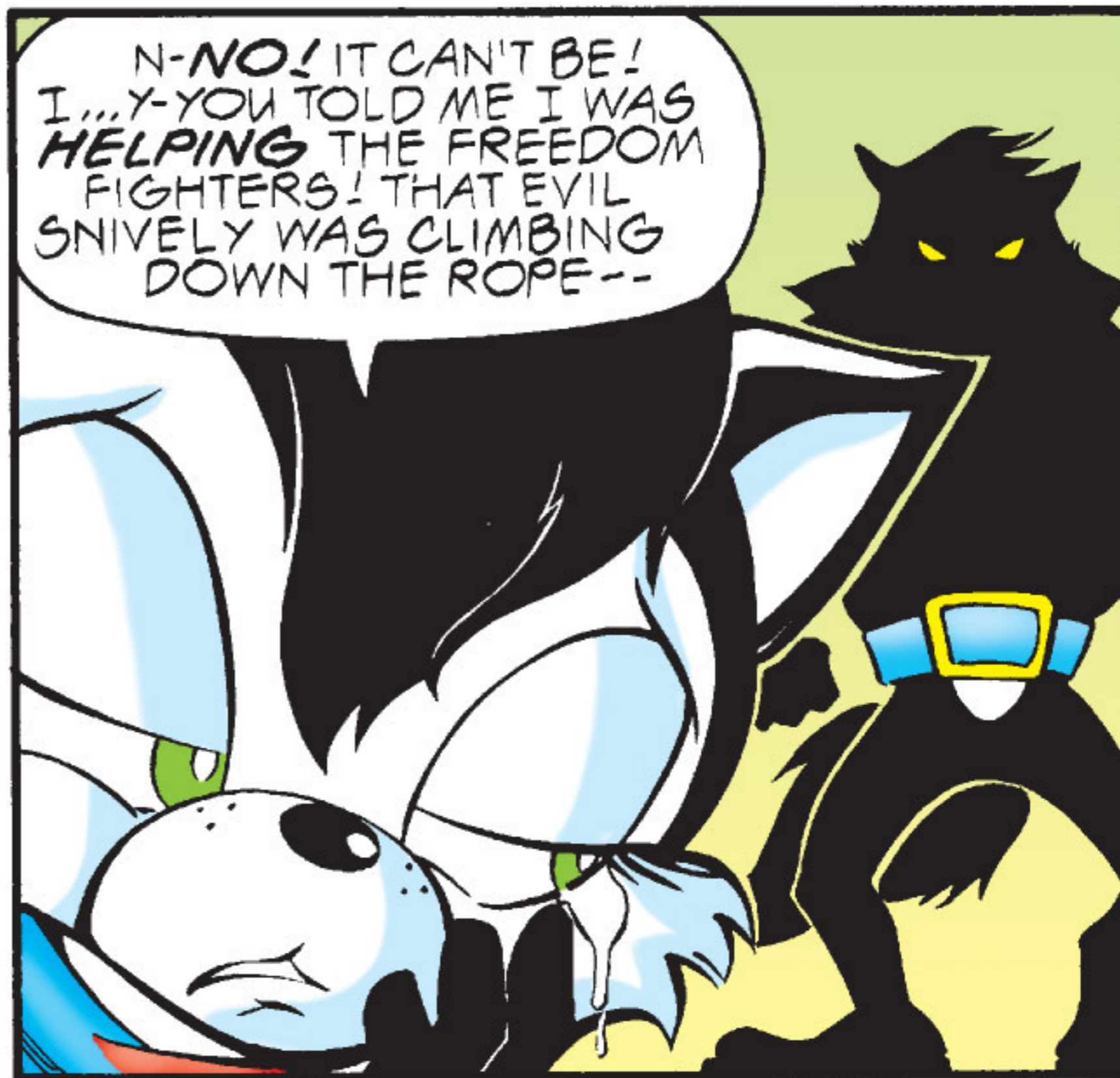
AH, YOU'LL MAKE  
A FINE LOOKING DUKE  
OF MOBIUS, DRAGO  
MY BOY!

DID YOU  
HEAR ME? THE  
PRINCESS WAS  
KILLED!

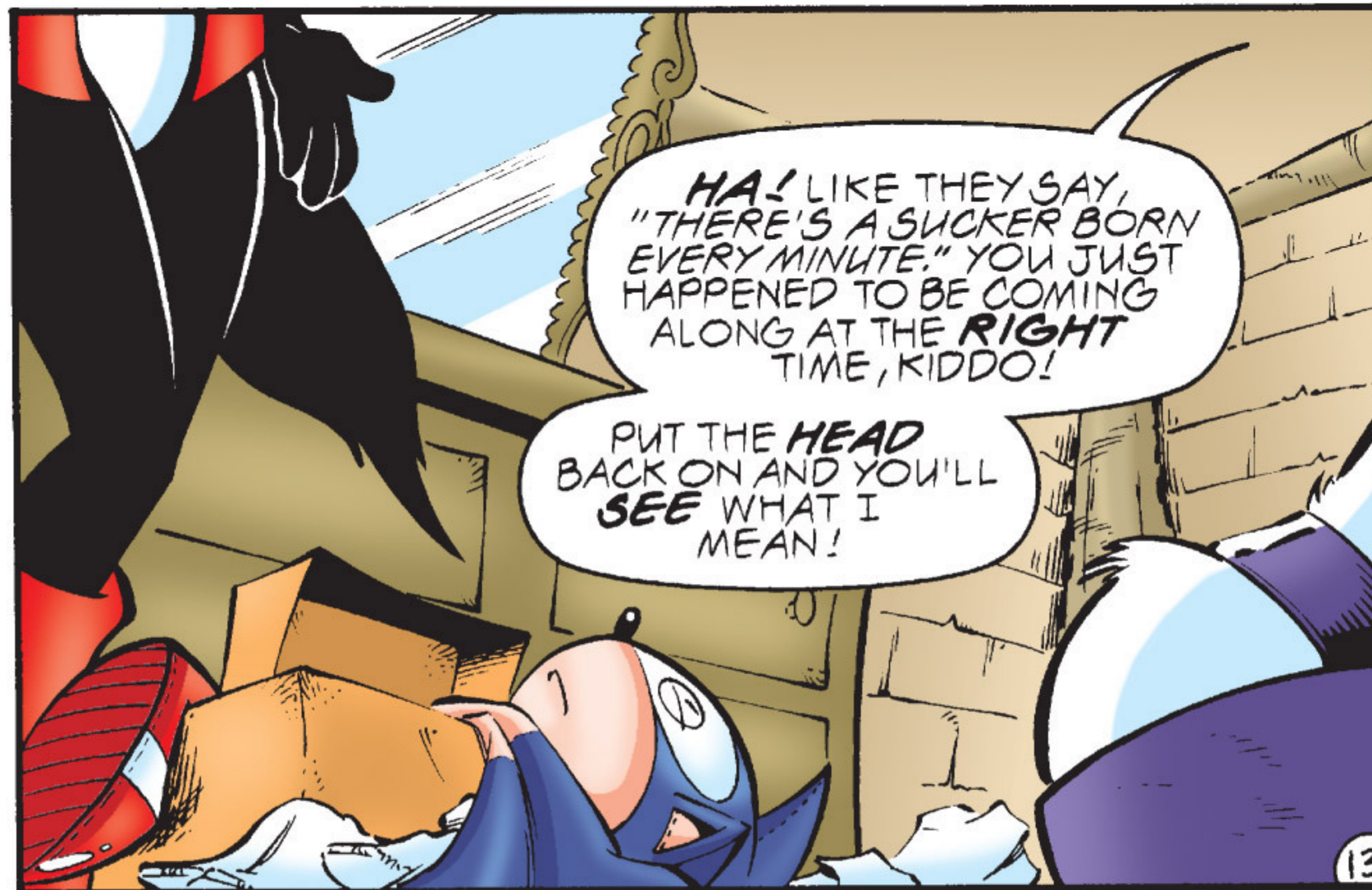
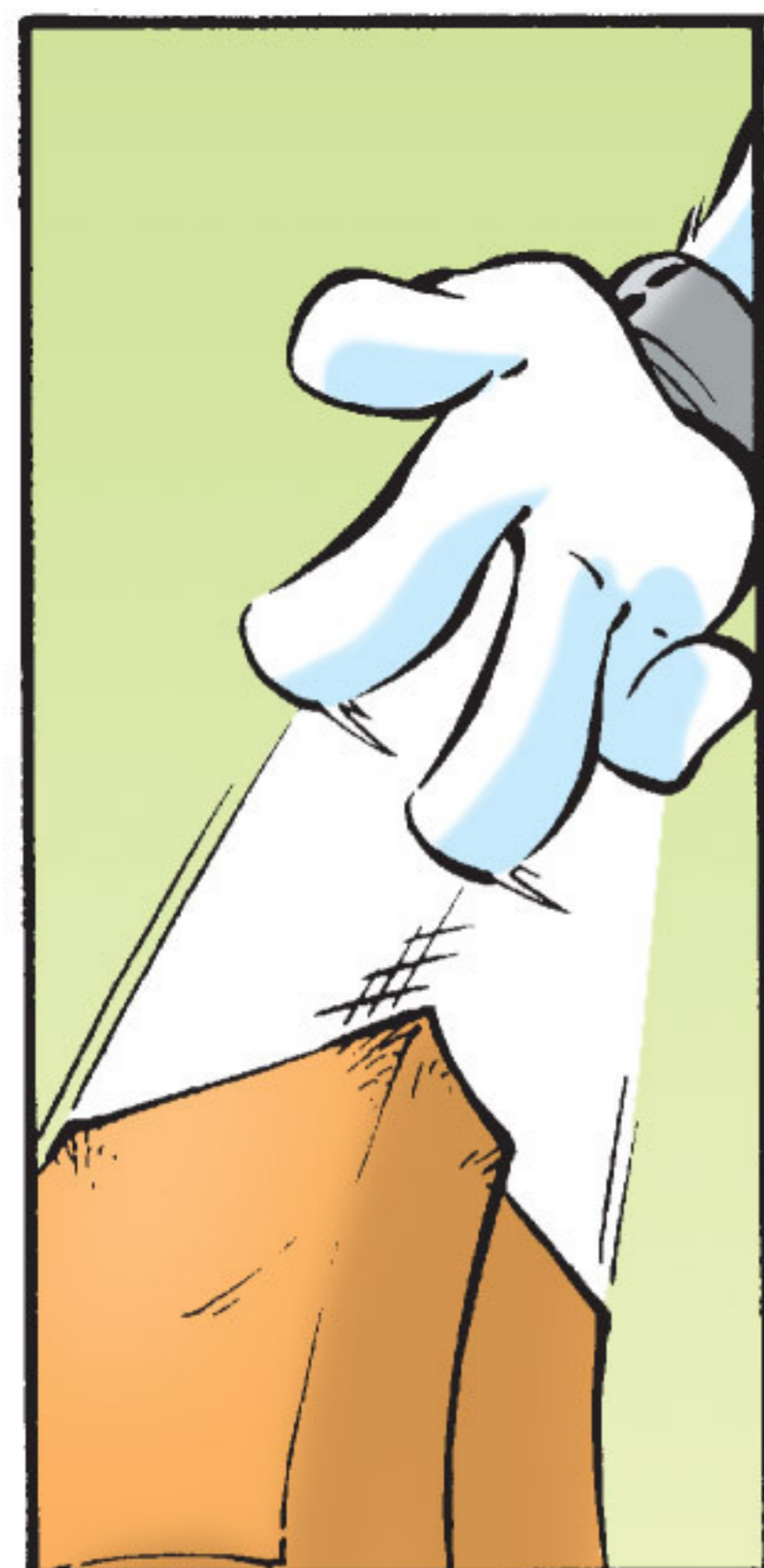


SLAP

THAT'S RIGHT,  
TOOTS! AND YOU'RE  
THE ONE WHO  
DID IT!



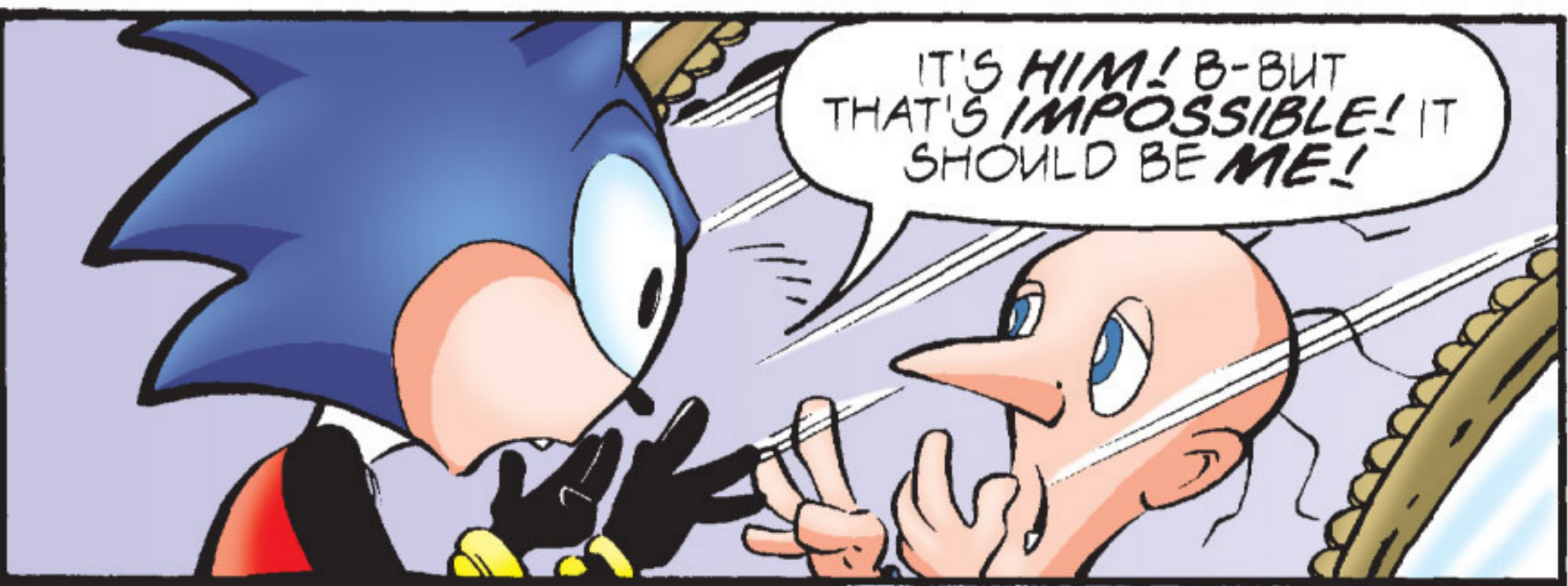
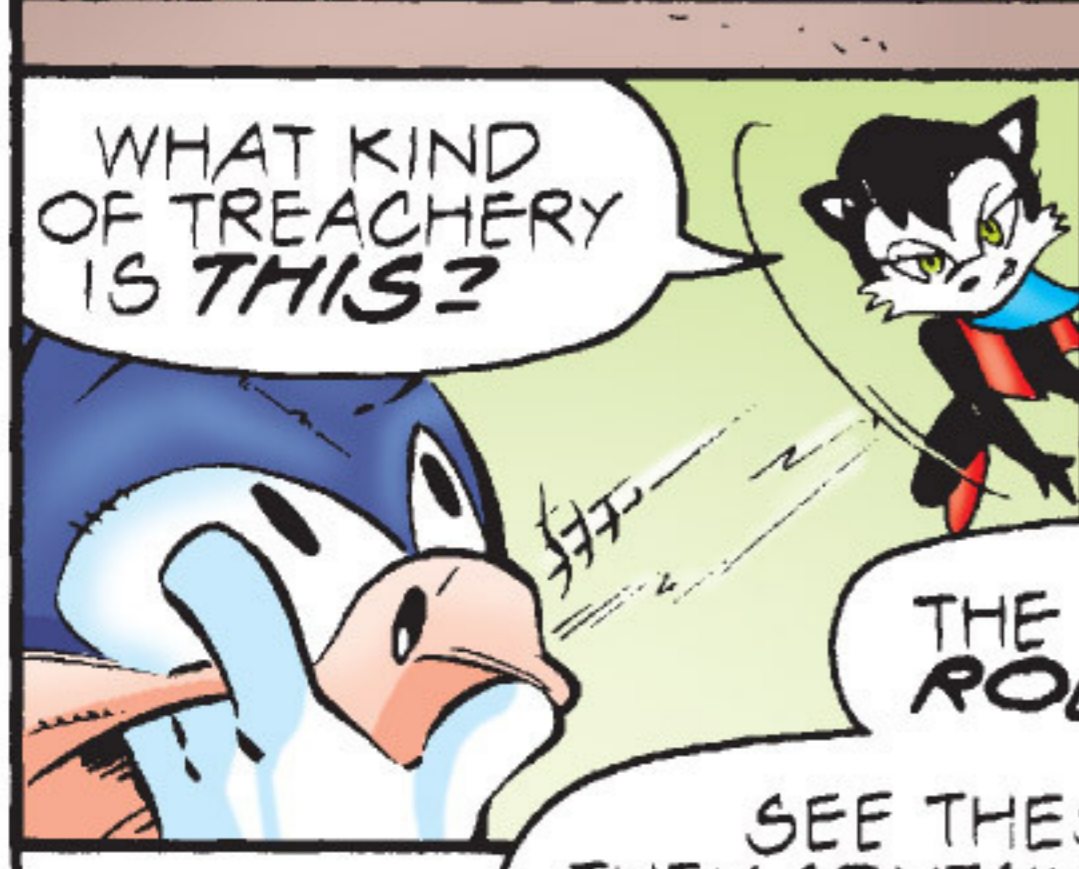
N-NO! IT CAN'T BE!  
I...Y-YOU TOLD ME I WAS  
HELPING THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS! THAT EVIL  
SNIVELY WAS CLIMBING  
DOWN THE ROPE--



HA! LIKE THEY SAY,  
"THERE'S A SUCKER BORN  
EVERY MINUTE." YOU JUST  
HAPPENED TO BE COMING  
ALONG AT THE RIGHT  
TIME, KIDDO!

PUT THE HEAD  
BACK ON AND YOU'LL  
SEE WHAT I  
MEAN!





EEEEEEK!

IT'S HIM! B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT SHOULD BE ME!

WHAT KIND OF TREACHERY IS THIS?

AND YOU LOOK LIKE HIM, TOO! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THE BEST KIND-- ROBOTNIK'S!

SEE THESE EYEPIECES? THEY CONTAIN OPTIC IMAGE REFRACTORS. NO MATTER WHO YOU LOOK AT, IT APPEARS TO BE SNIVELY!

SO WHEN YOU CUT THE ROPE YOU THOUGHT SNIVELY WAS DANGLING FROM, YOU REALLY DROPPED PRINCESS SALLY TO HER DEATH!

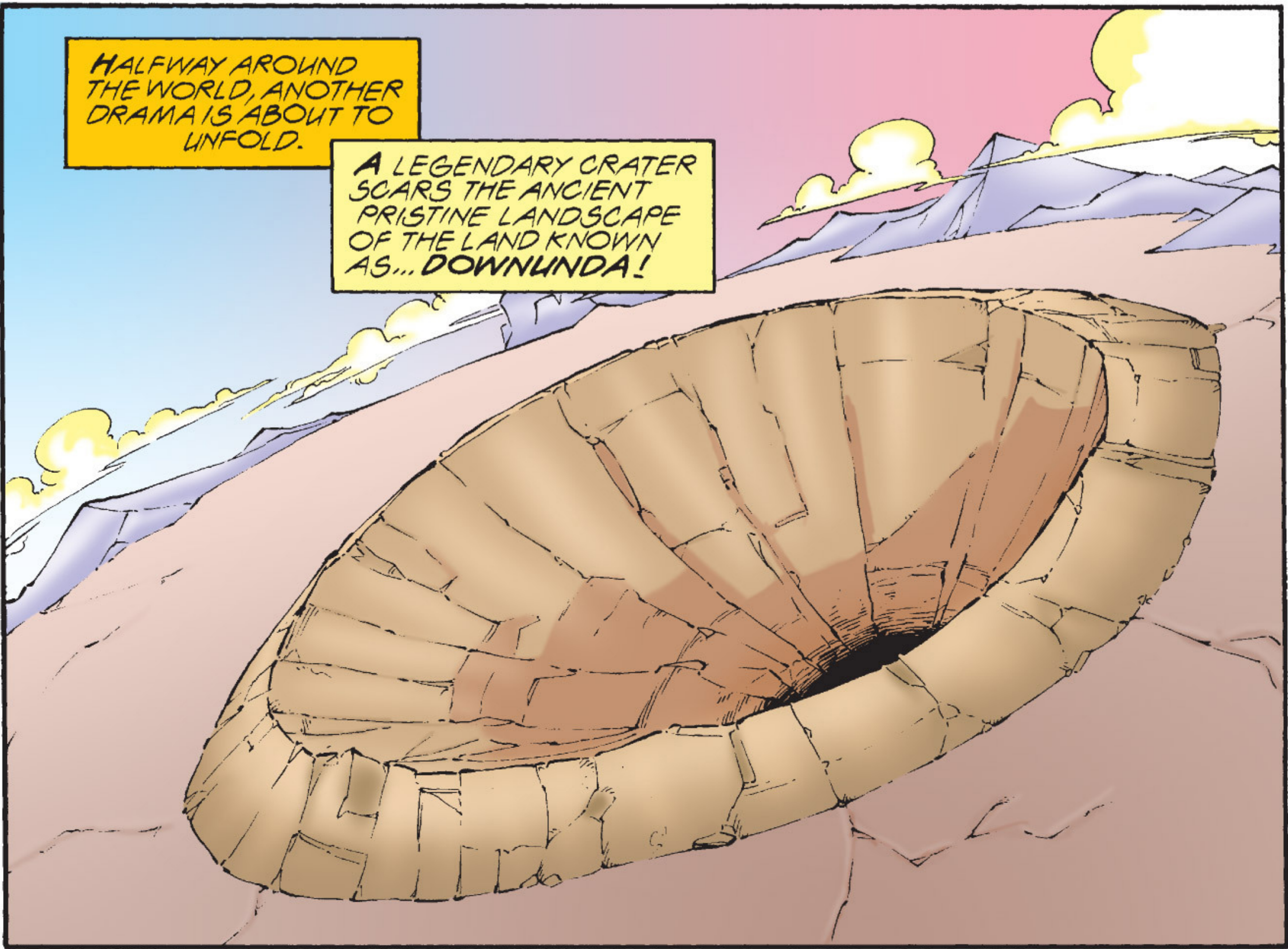
HAHAHAHA! YOU WERE EASY TO DUPE, SUGAR! AND NOW ROBOTNIK WILL REWARD ME WITH A KINGDOM OF MY OWN WHEN HE TAKES OVER MOBIUS!

~choke~ NO-HO-HO-HOOO...

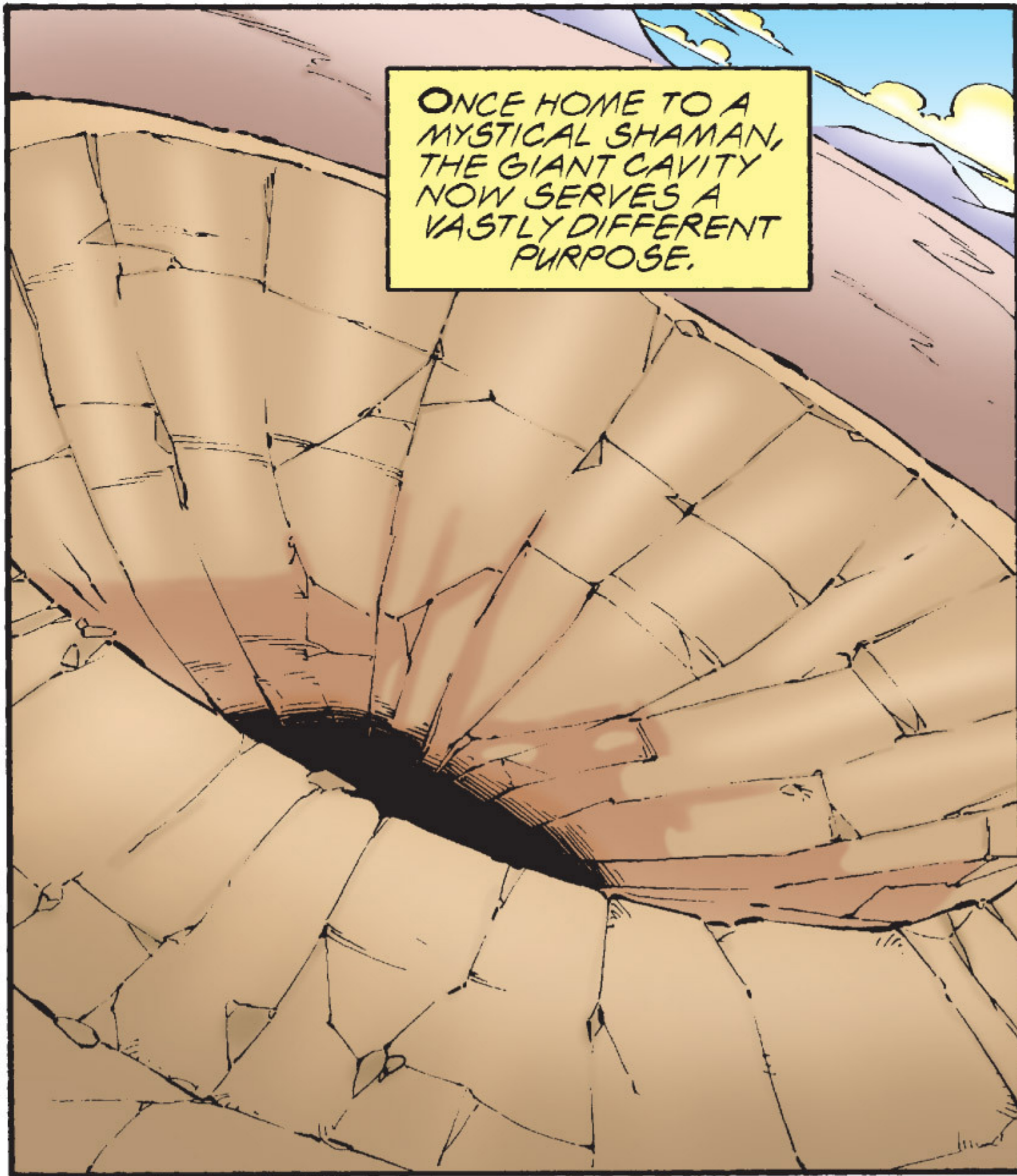


HALFWAY AROUND  
THE WORLD, ANOTHER  
DRAMA IS ABOUT TO  
UNFOLD.

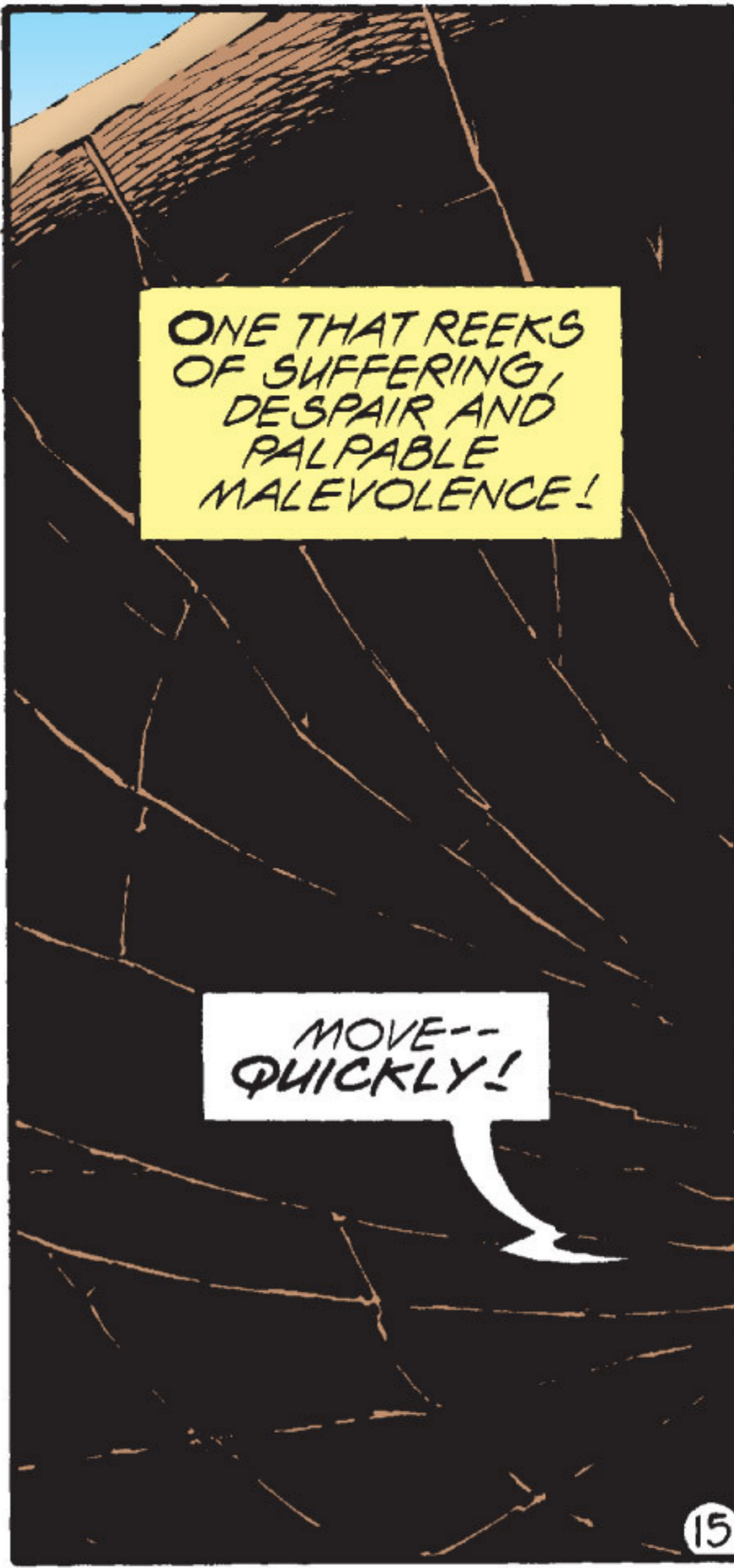
A LEGENDARY CRATER  
SCARS THE ANCIENT  
PRISTINE LANDSCAPE  
OF THE LAND KNOWN  
AS... DOWNUNDA!



ONCE HOME TO A  
MYSTICAL SHAMAN,  
THE GIANT CAVITY  
NOW SERVES A  
VASTLY DIFFERENT  
PURPOSE.



ONE THAT REEKS  
OF SUFFERING,  
DESPAIR AND  
PALPABLE  
MALEVOLENCE!



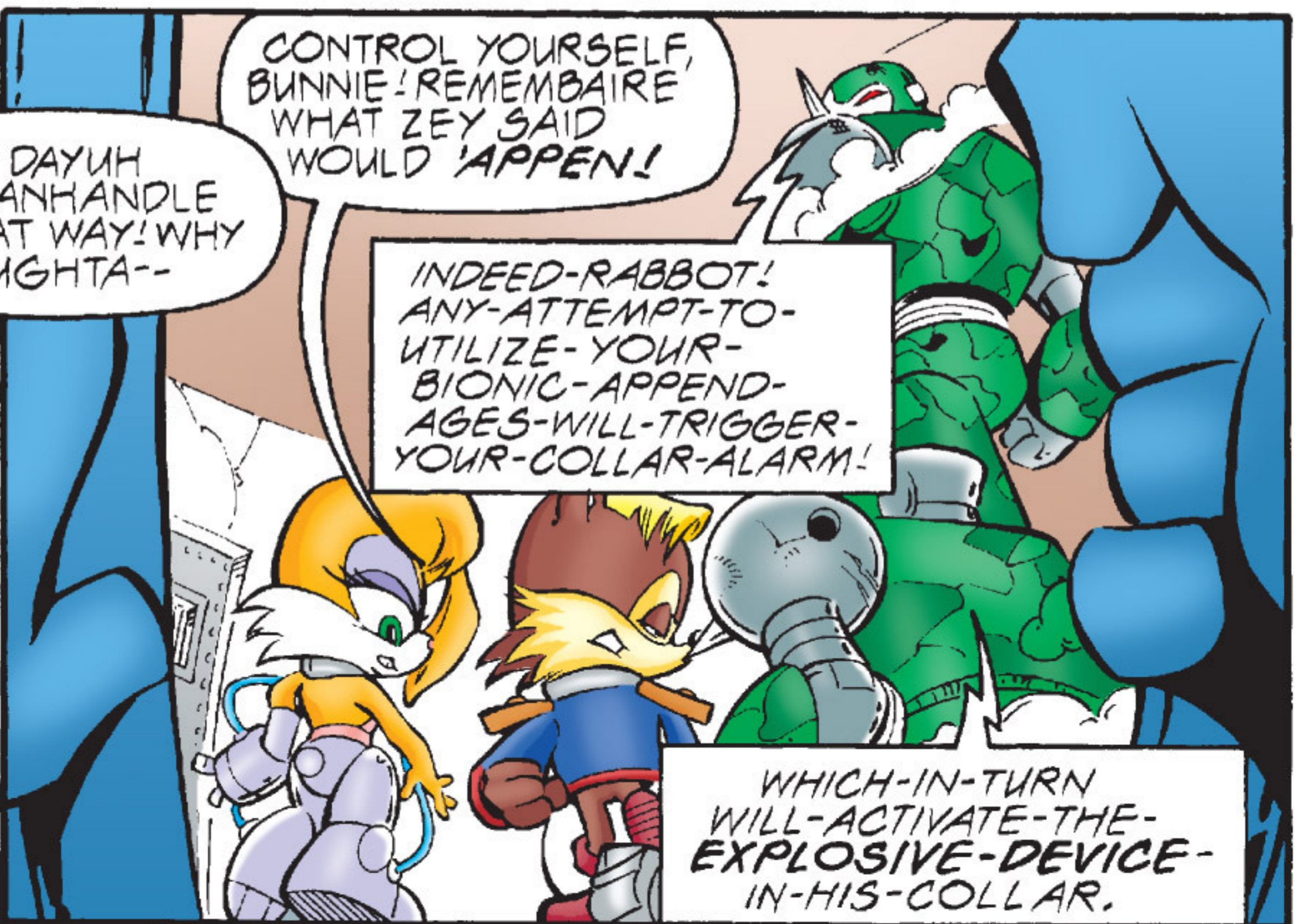
MOVE--  
QUICKLY!





HURRY-IT-UP!

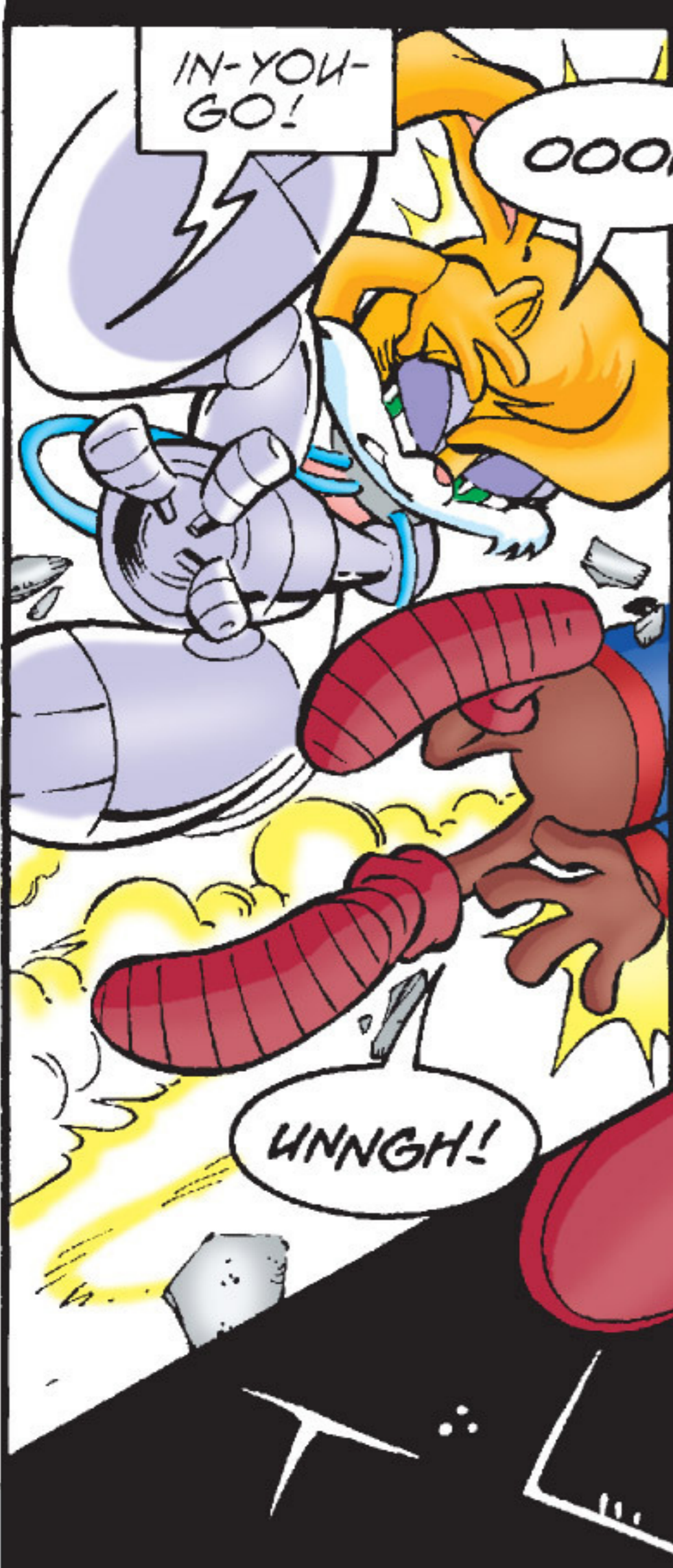
HOW DAYUH YOU MANHANDLE ME THAT WAY! WHY I OUGHTA--



CONTROL YOURSELF, BUNNIE! REMEMBAIRE' WHAT ZEY SAID WOULD 'APPEN!

INDEED-RABBOT! ANY-ATTEMPT-TO-UTILIZE-YOUR-BIONIC-APPENDAGES-WILL-TRIGGER-YOUR-COLLAR-ALARM!

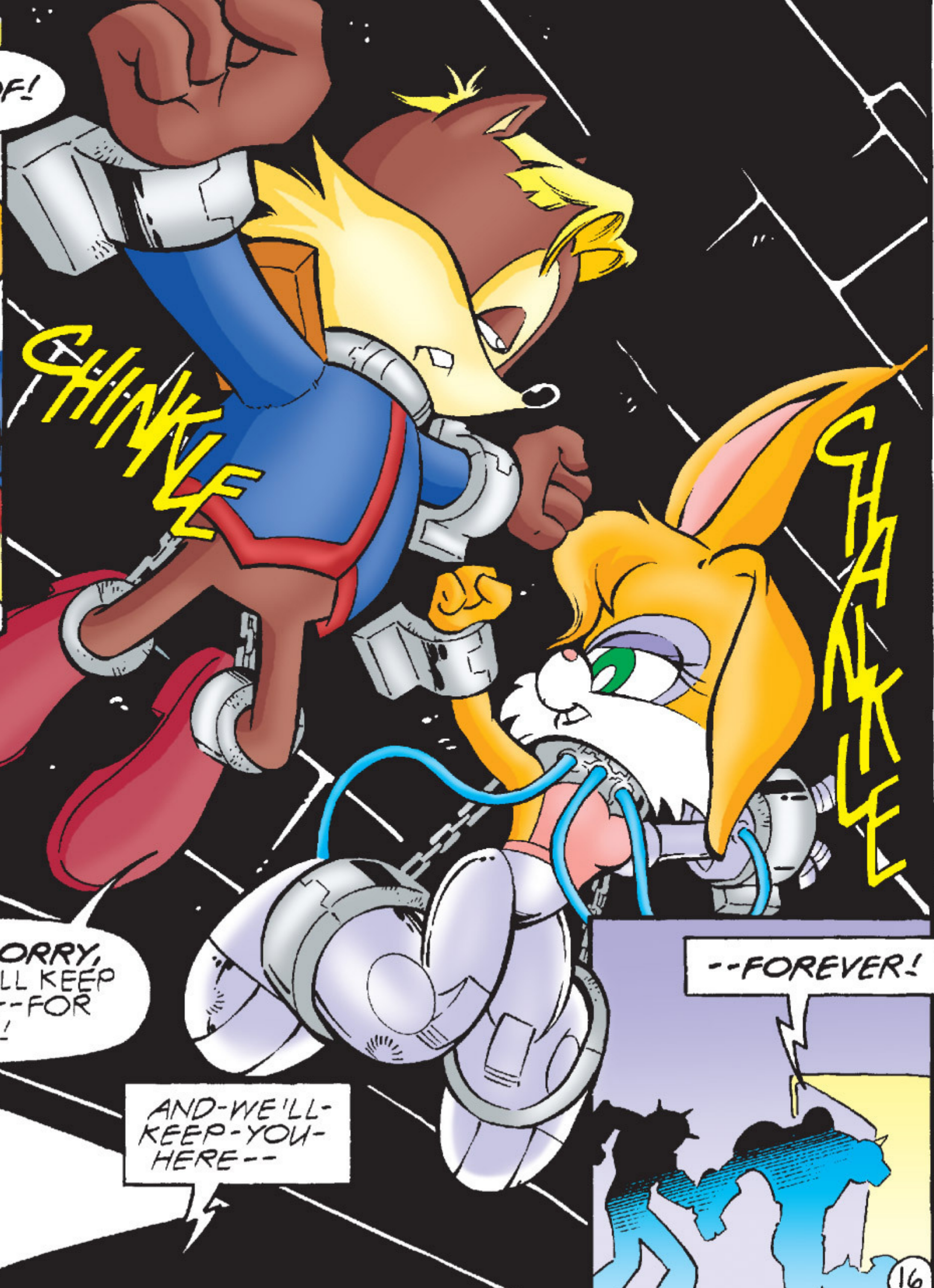
WHICH-IN-TURN WILL-ACTIVATE-THE-EXPLOSIVE-DEVICE-IN-HIS-COLLAR.



IN-YOU-GO!

OOOF!

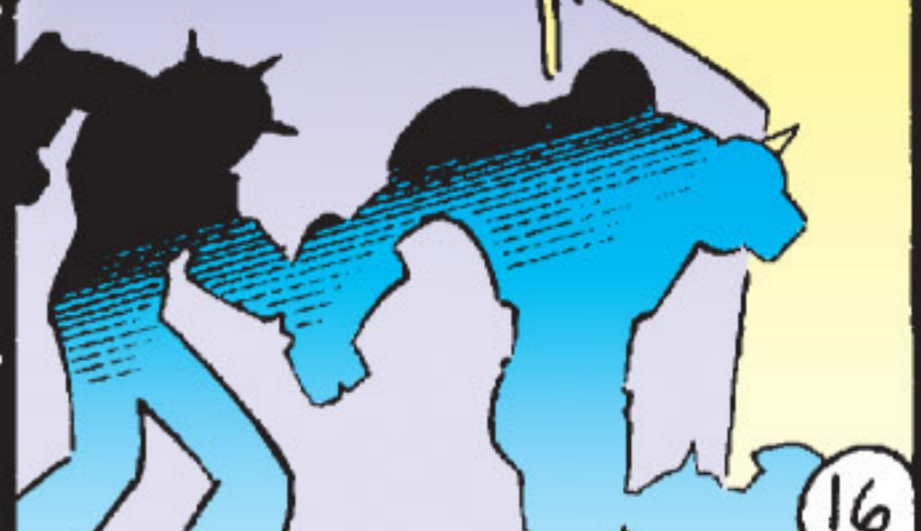
UNNGH!



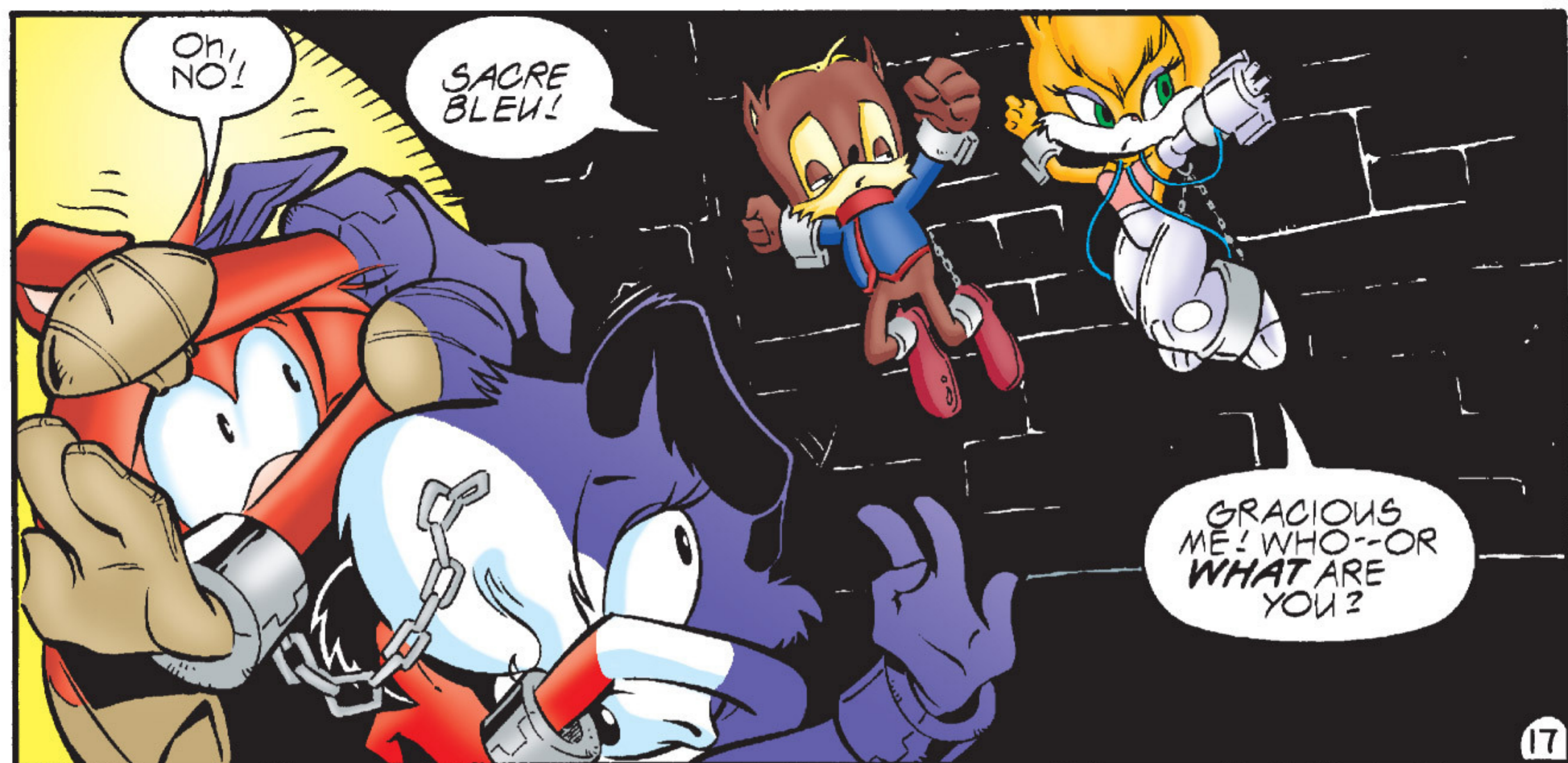
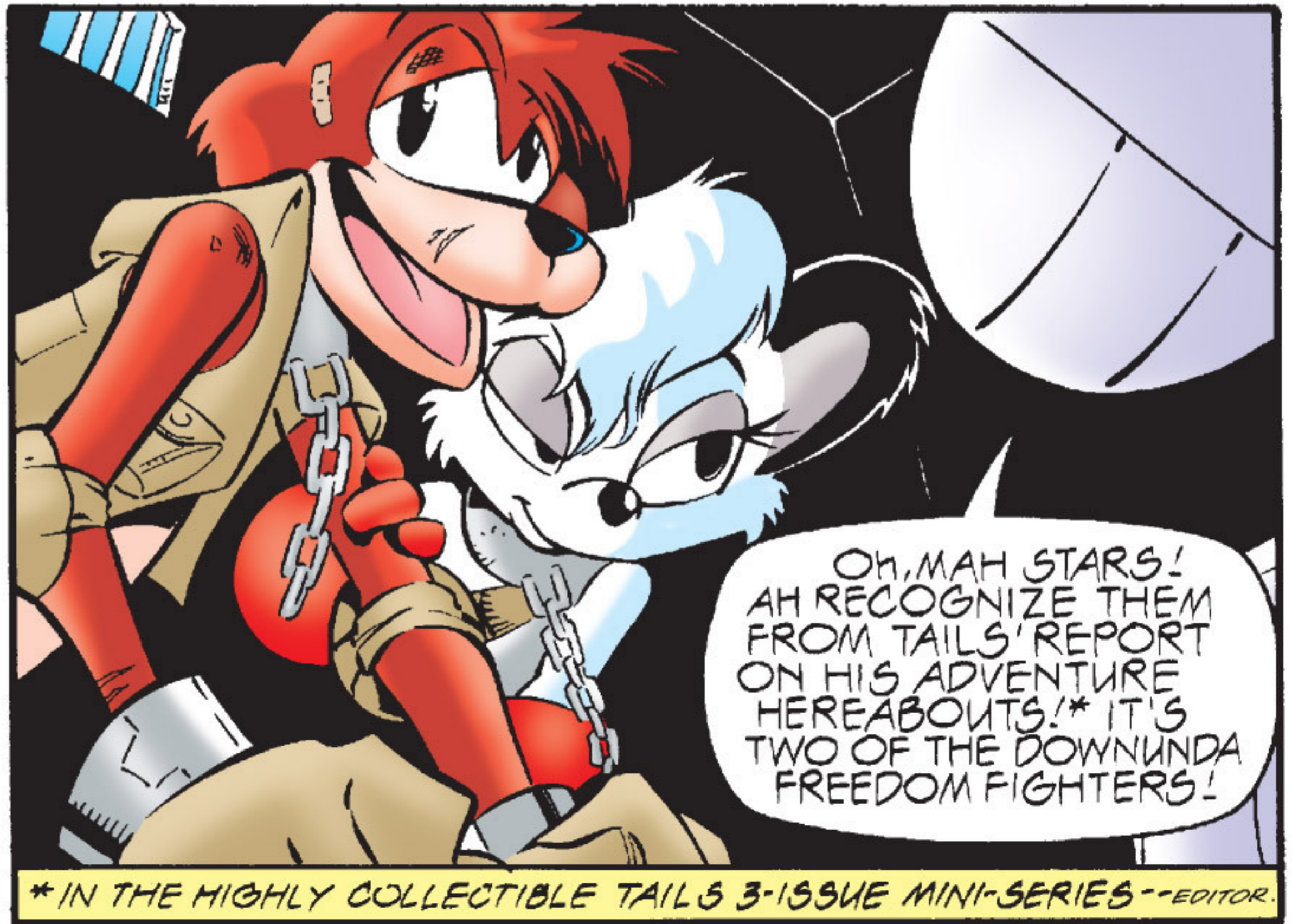
DON'T WORRY, SUGAH,,, AH'LL KEEP MAH COOL--FOR NOW!

AND-WE'LL-KEEP-YOU-HERE--

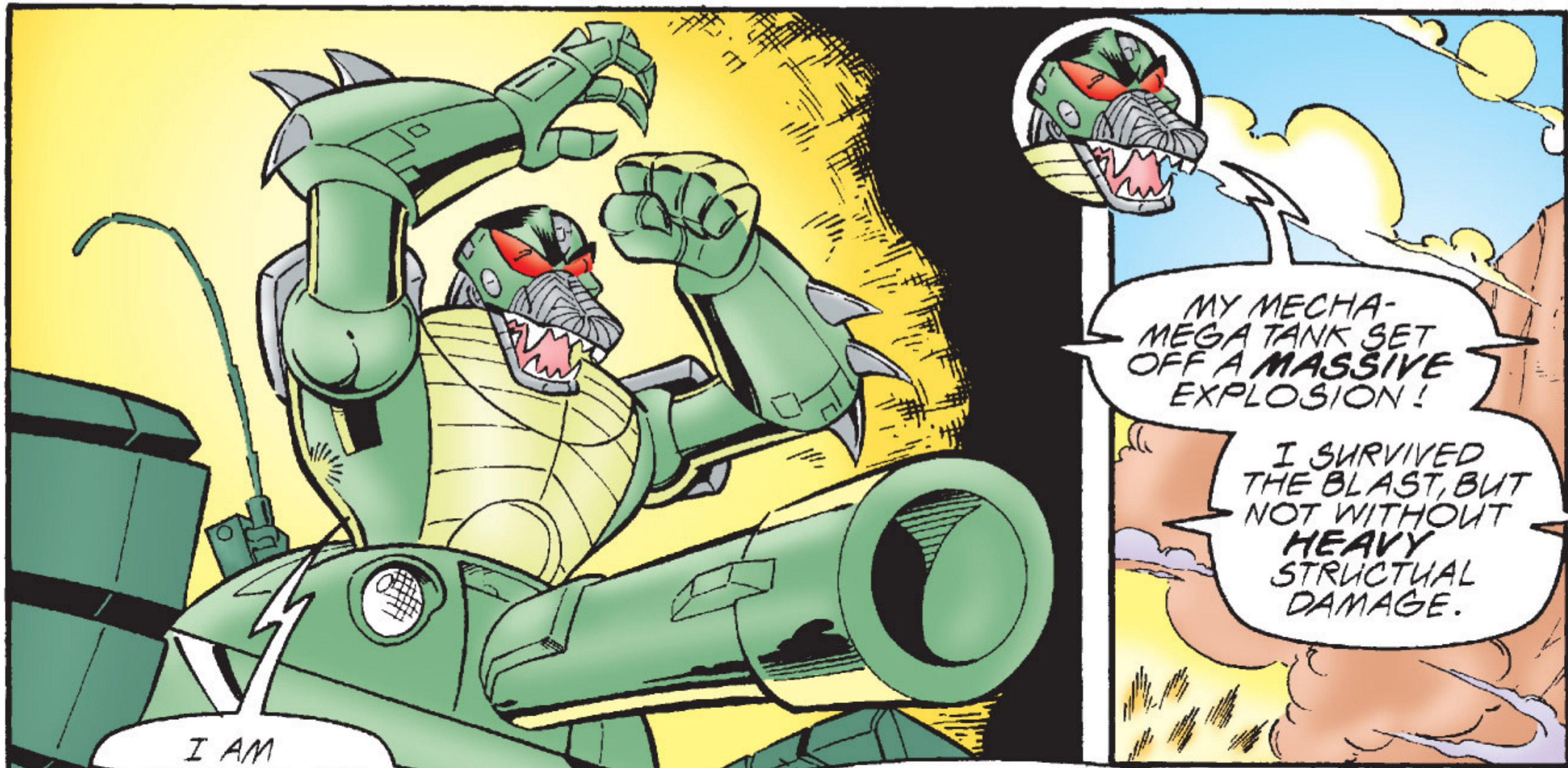
--FOREVER!











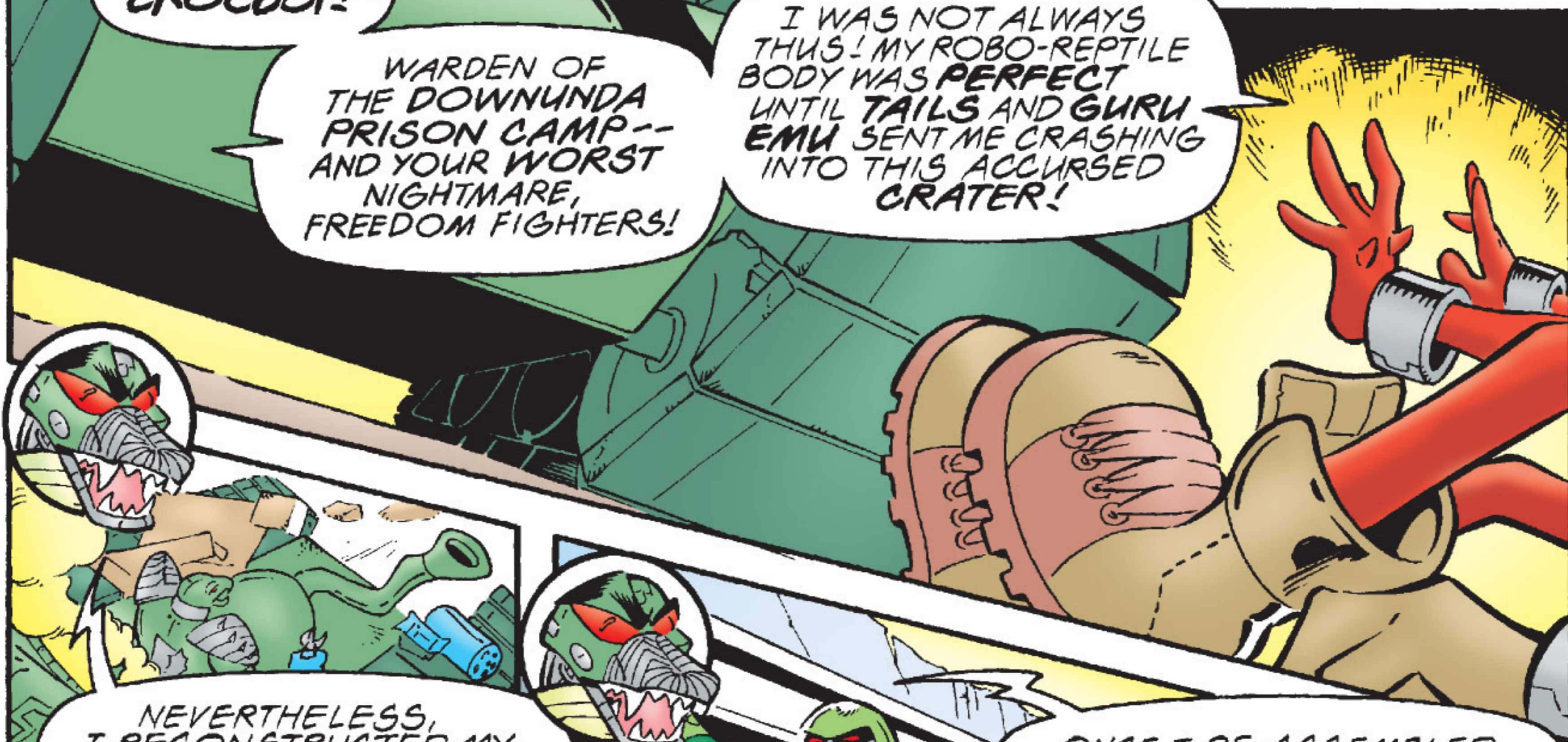
MY MECHA-MEGA TANK SET OFF A MASSIVE EXPLOSION!

I SURVIVED THE BLAST, BUT NOT WITHOUT HEAVY STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.

I AM CROCBOT!

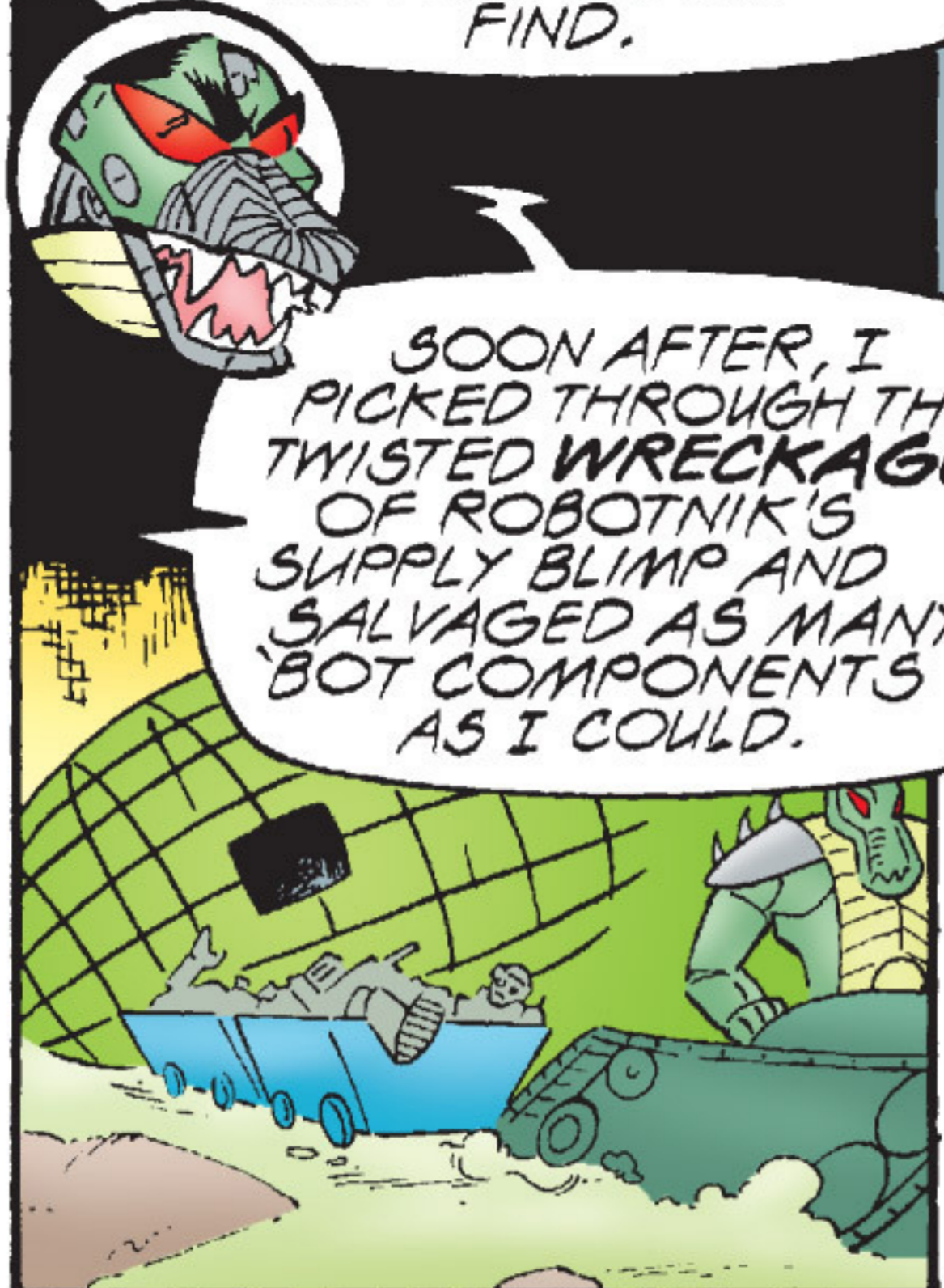
WARDEN OF THE DOWNUNDA PRISON CAMP-- AND YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

I WAS NOT ALWAYS THIS! MY ROBO-REPTILE BODY WAS PERFECT UNTIL TAILS AND GURU EMU SENT ME CRASHING INTO THIS ACCURSED CRATER!



NEVERTHELESS, I RECONSTRUCTED MYSELF, USING WHAT FRAGMENTS I COULD FIND.

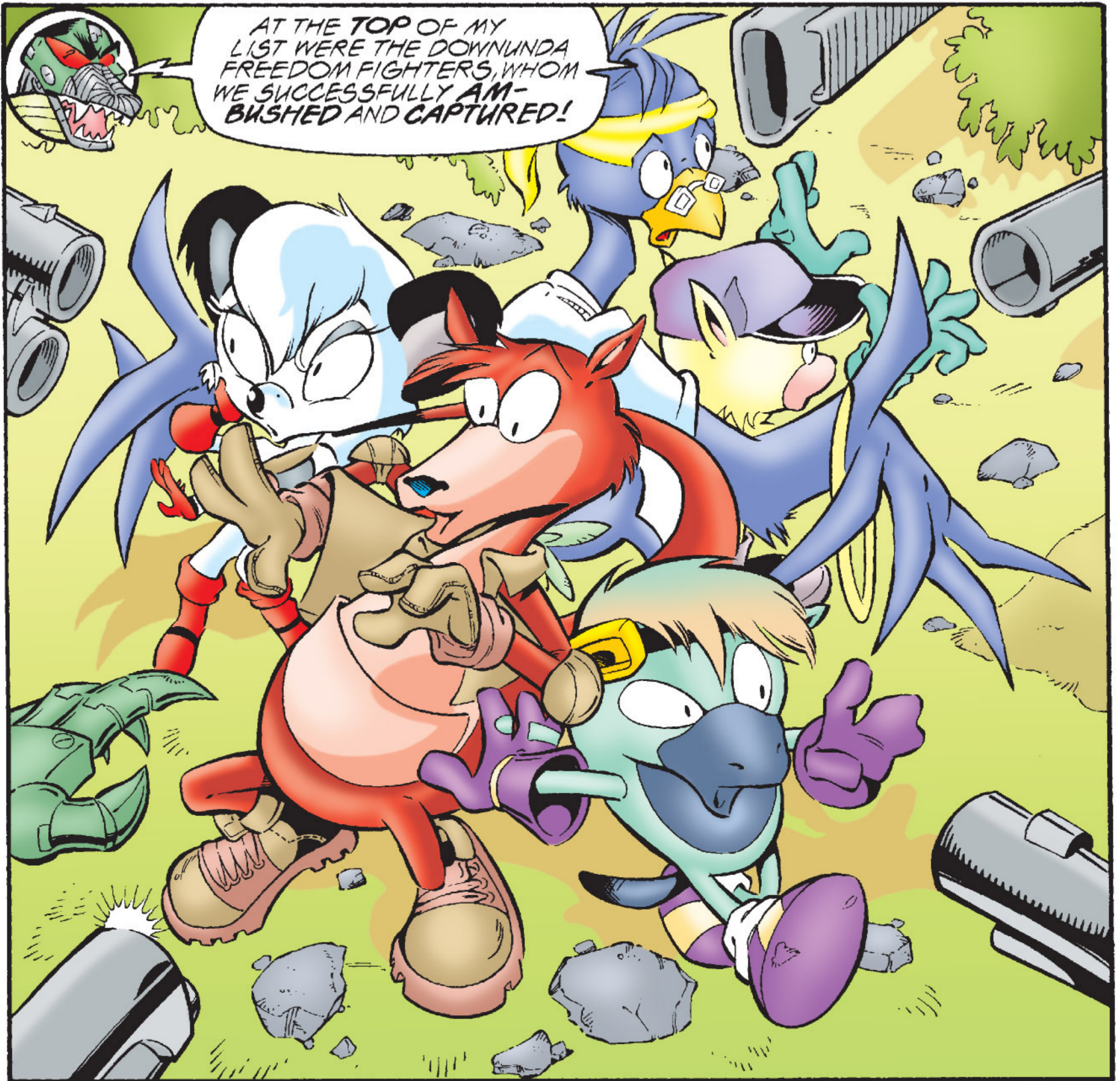
ONCE I RE-ASSEMBLED THEM INTO AN ARMY USING COM-BOT DESIGNS, I BEGAN BUILDING THIS FACILITY DESIGNED TO CAPTURE AND PUNISH MY ENEMIES AS WELL AS ENEMIES OF ROBOTNIK!



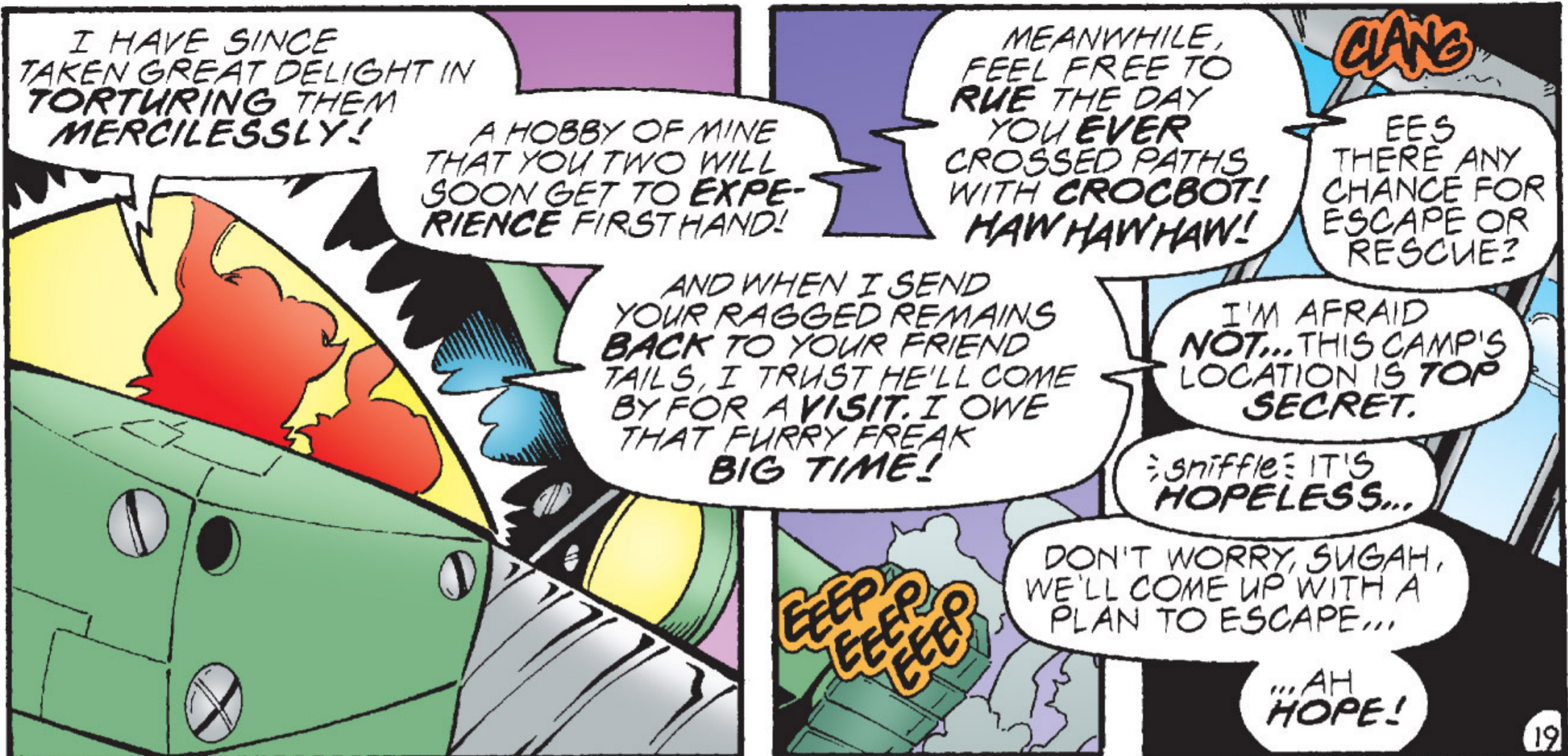
SOON AFTER, I PICKED THROUGH THE TWISTED WRECKAGE OF ROBOTNIK'S SUPPLY BLIMP AND SALVAGED AS MANY 'BOT COMPONENTS AS I COULD.







AT THE TOP OF MY LIST WERE THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WHOM WE SUCCESSFULLY AM-BUSHED AND CAPTURED!



I HAVE SINCE TAKEN GREAT DELIGHT IN TORTURING THEM MERCILESSLY!

A HOBBY OF MINE THAT YOU TWO WILL SOON GET TO EXPERIENCE FIRSTHAND!

MEANWHILE, FEEL FREE TO RUE THE DAY YOU EVER CROSSED PATHS WITH **CROCBOT!** HAW HAW HAW!

**CLANG**  
EES THERE ANY CHANCE FOR ESCAPE OR RESCUE?

AND WHEN I SEND YOUR RAGGED REMAINS BACK TO YOUR FRIEND TAILS, I TRUST HE'LL COME BY FOR A VISIT. I OWE THAT FURRY FREAK BIG TIME!

I'M AFRAID NOT... THIS CAMP'S LOCATION IS TOP SECRET.

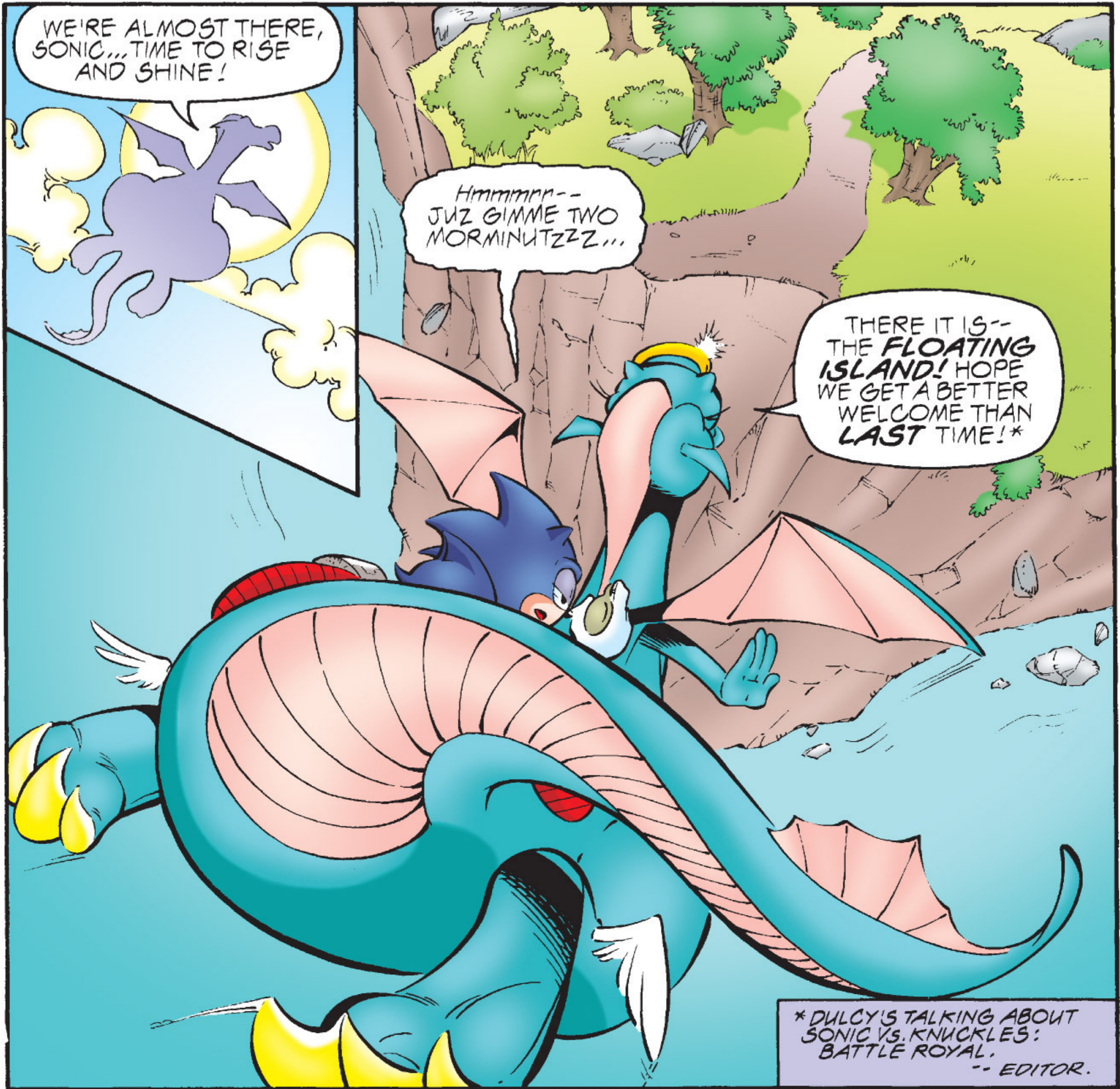
=:sniffle=: IT'S HOPELESS...

EEP EEP EEP

DON'T WORRY, SUGAH, WE'LL COME UP WITH A PLAN TO ESCAPE...

...AH HOPE!



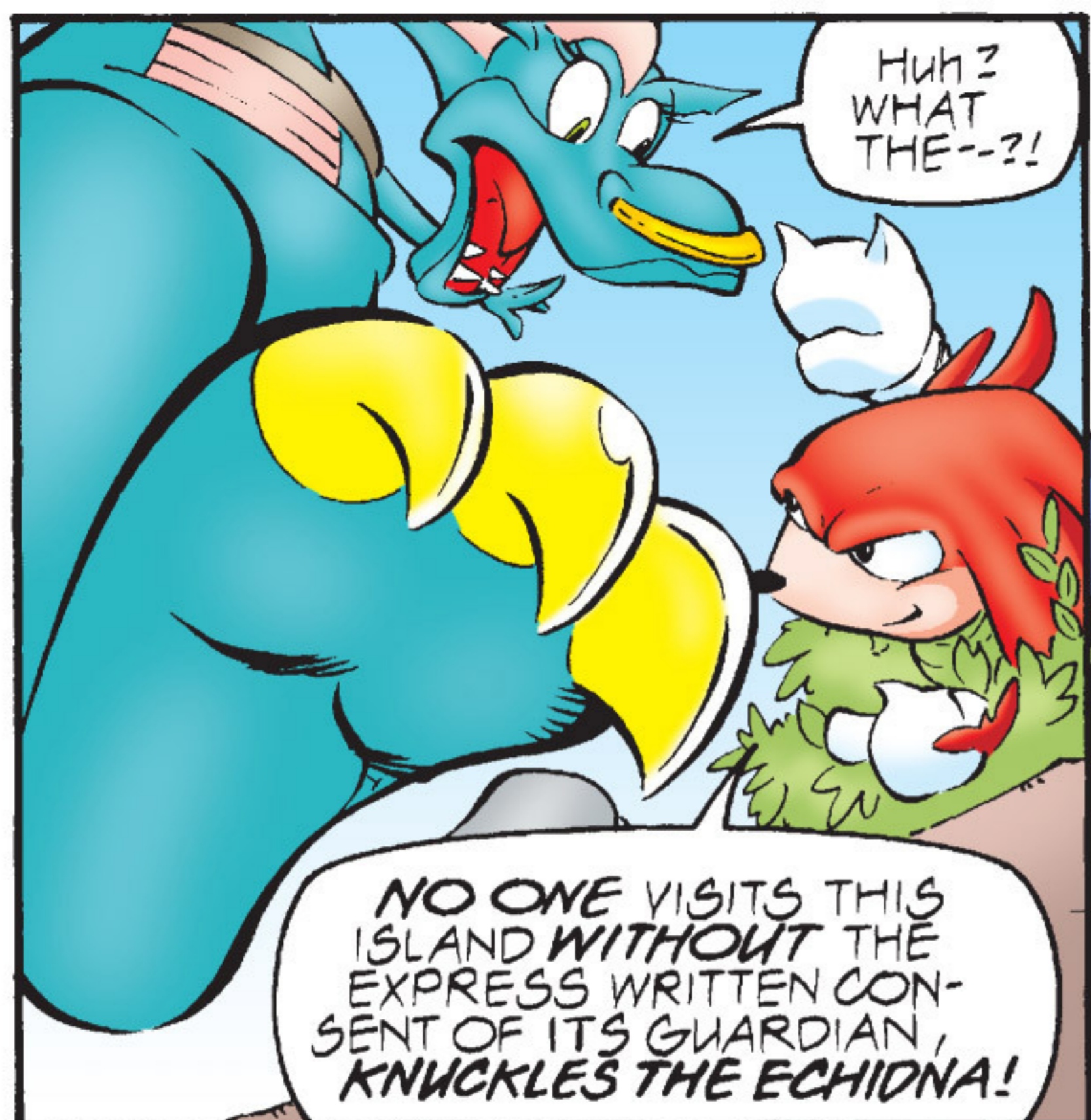


WE'RE ALMOST THERE, SONIC... TIME TO RISE AND SHINE!

HMMMMMM--  
JUZ GIMME TWO  
MORMINUTZZZ...

THERE IT IS--  
THE **FLOATING ISLAND!** HOPE WE GET A BETTER WELCOME THAN **LAST TIME!**\*

\* DULCY'S TALKING ABOUT SONIC VS. KNUCKLES: BATTLE ROYAL.  
-- EDITOR.



HUH? WHAT THE--?!

NO ONE VISITS THIS ISLAND WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF ITS GUARDIAN, **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!**

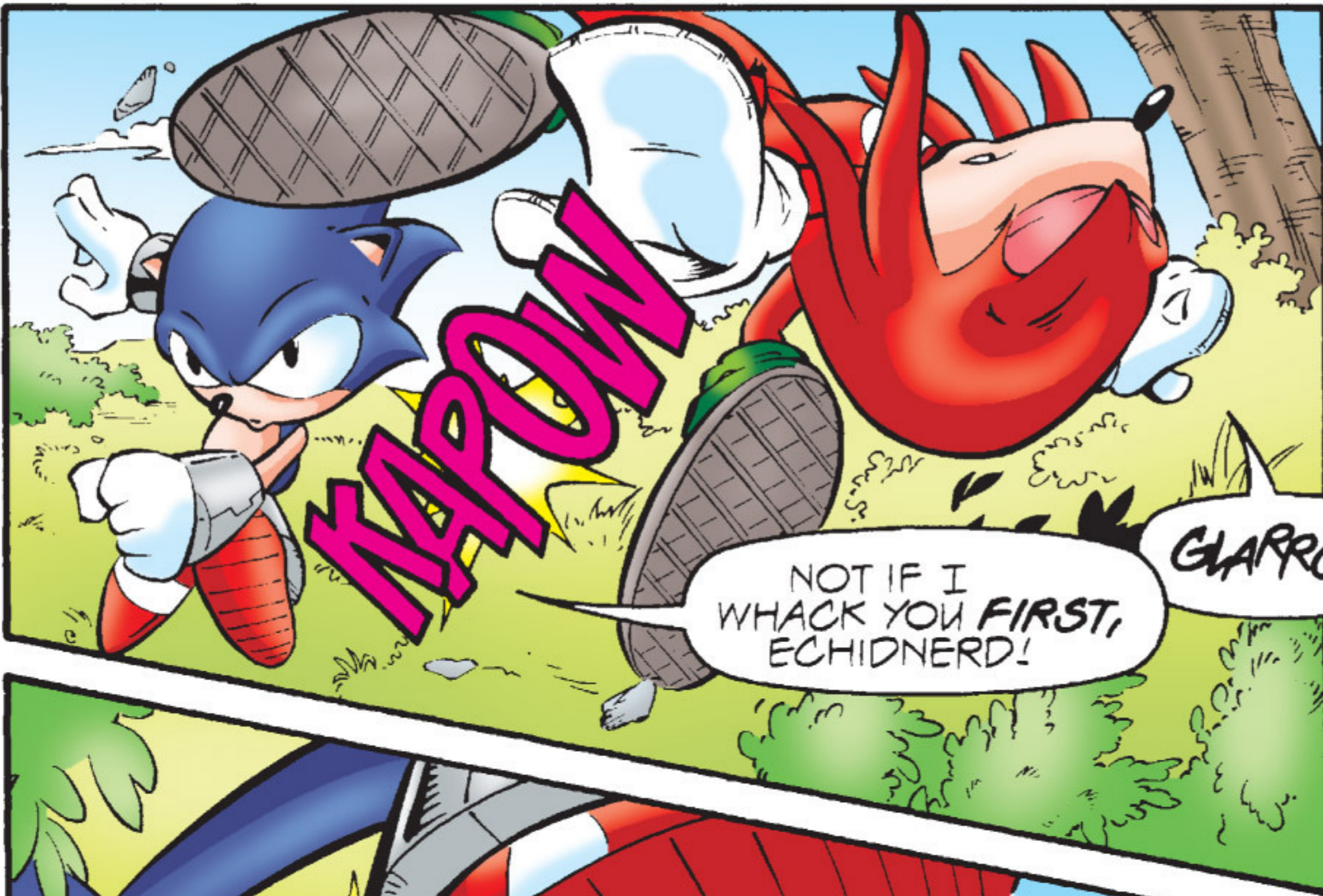


WGGGH!

I MIGHT'VE KNOWN YOU'D **ATTACK** THE SWEETEST, MOST GENTLE CREATURE ON THE PLANET FOR **NO REASON**, BRAIN-DEAD REDHEAD!

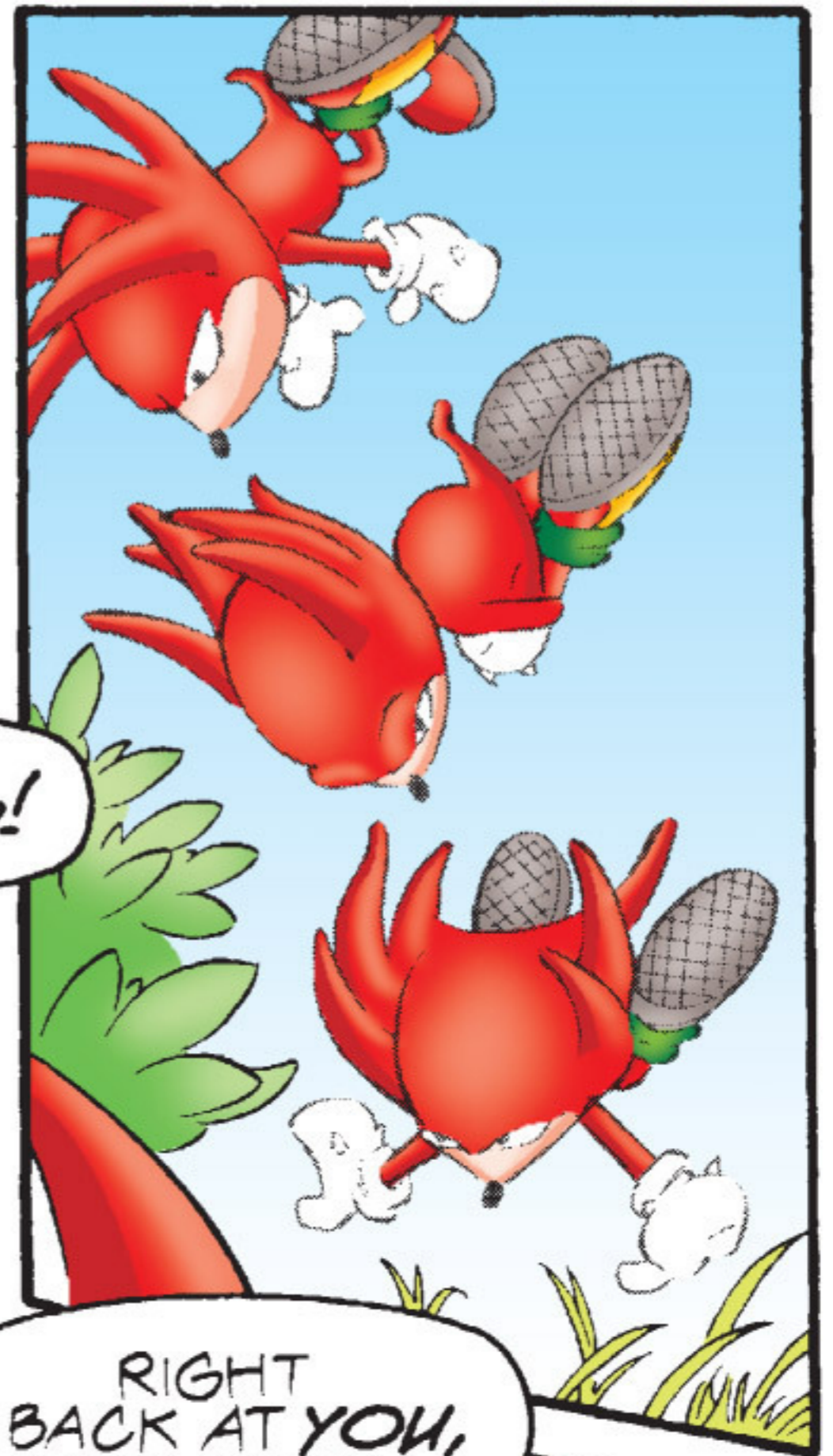
OH, YEAH--? WELL, YOU'RE **NEXT!**



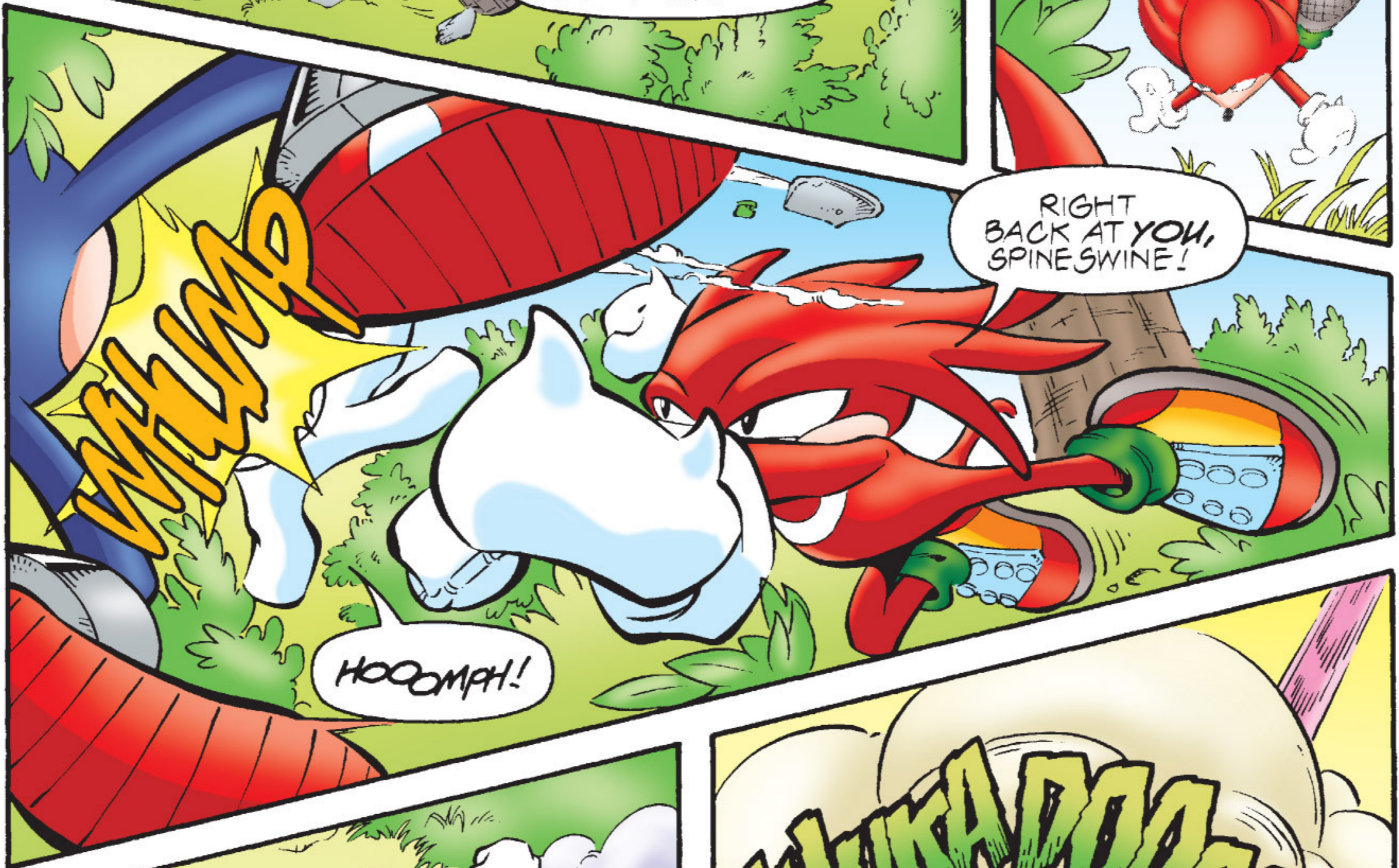


NOT IF I WHACK YOU **FIRST**, ECHIDNERD!

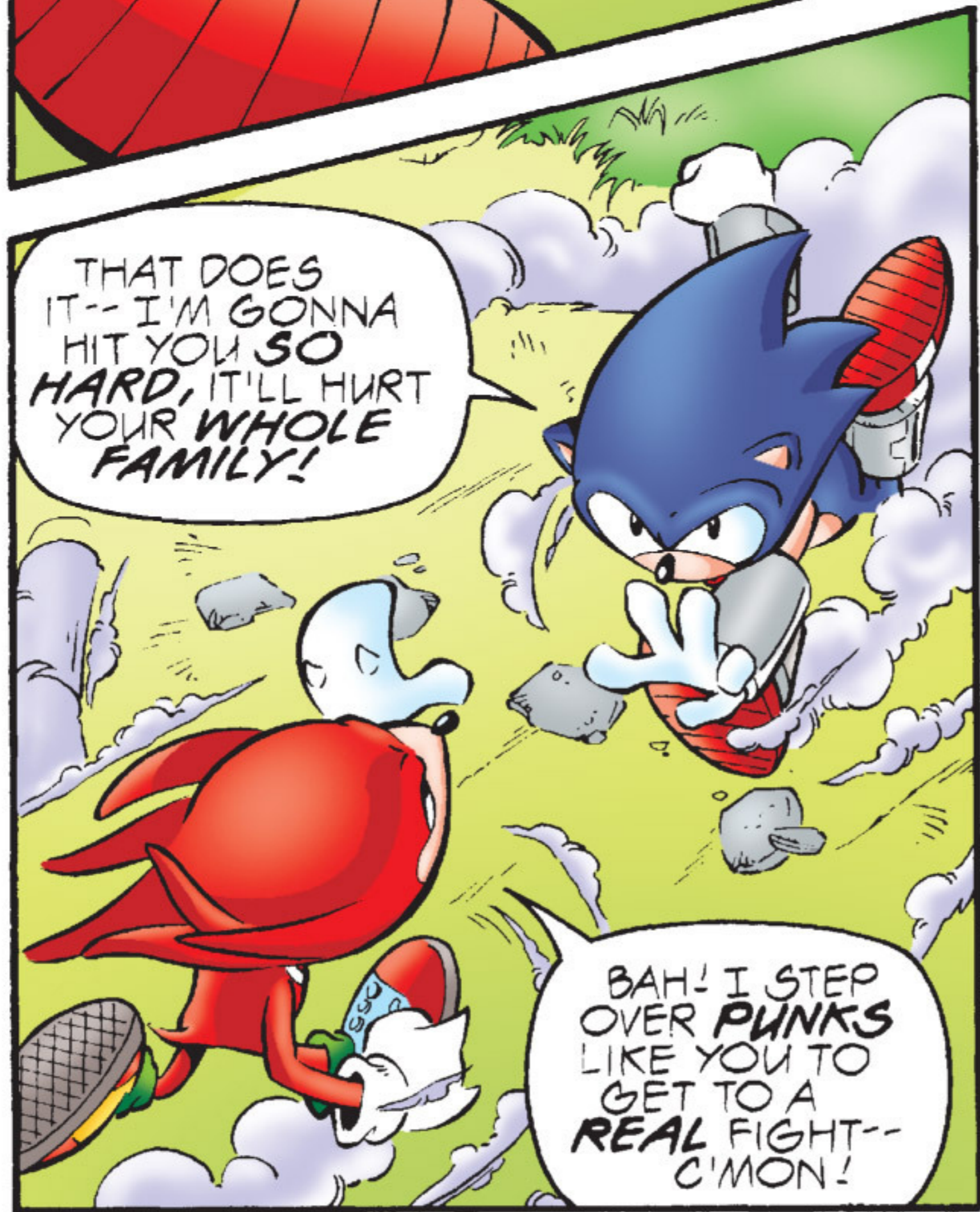
GLARRG!



RIGHT BACK AT YOU, SPINE SWINE!



HOOOMPH!



THAT DOES IT-- I'M GONNA HIT YOU **SO HARD**, IT'LL HURT YOUR **WHOLE FAMILY!**

BAH! I STEP OVER **PUNKS** LIKE YOU TO GET TO A **REAL FIGHT-- C'MON!**





# ESCAPE From The FLOATING ISLAND

BACK OFF, KNUCKLES!  
IF ANYONE'S TAKING THE  
HEDGEHOG DOWN, IT'LL  
BE ME!

FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS,  
HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS  
AND PLACE YOUR BETS! IT'S  
THE ULTIMATE THREE-WAY  
BATTLE OF THE **SEGA**  
CENTURY!

WHO'S GOING TO FIGHT  
WHO? WILL ANY TWO  
COMBATANTS JOIN FORCES  
AGAINST THE OTHER?

AND DOES ANYONE KNOW  
OR CARE THAT THE FATE  
OF AN ENTIRE PLANET  
HANGS BY A THREAD?

WHO--?

ST. JOHN!

TO BE CONCLUDED IN  
THE ACTION-PACKED,  
PULSE-POUNDING,  
NOT-TO-BE-BELIEVED  
(OR MISSED)

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